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PLO charter null and void

Arafat emphasis on political programme

PARIS, May 3, (Agencies): Yasser Arafat, challenged by President Francois Mitterrand, described the PLO's charter calling for an end to Israel as null and void and said it has been replaced by a political programme supporting a Palestinian state and an Israeli state.

The subject arose during an unprecedented 90-minute meeting yesterday between the leader of the PLO and the French President — a political gesture by Mitterrand that Arafat said "will reinforce the peace process in the Middle East."

According to presidential spokesman Hubert Vedrine, who read reporters an official statement, Mitterrand said the 25-year-old charter contradicted the political programme adopted by the PLO in November recognising Israel and renouncing terrorism.

Appeals renewed

'Allow' Marcos to return

BATAC, Philippines, May 3, (UPI): Ferdinand Marcos relatives today renewed appeals to President Corazon Aquino to allow the exiled former ruler to return home to bury his mother on the eve of the first anniversary of her death.

Josefa Marcos died on May 4, 1988, at the age of 95, and relatives have vowed not to bury her until Marcos returns from exile.

Cynthia Chan, a Marcos niece, told reporters relatives were waiting for the 71-year-old former president to fulfil his mother Josefa's final wish — that she be buried by her son.

Five masked men barged into the home of a Protestant minister, ransacked her house and killed her and her husband, a church official said.

The victims were the Rev. Visminda Cran, 44, and her husband, Luvino, 40.



Arafat waves to newsmen as he arrives at the Elysee Palace to meet Mitterrand. (Reuters wirephoto)

Another Arafat man shot dead

SIDON, May 3, (UPI): Gunmen assassinated a Palestinian field commander today, in the third attack on commando officials loyal to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in less than a week, security and commando sources said.

Bassam Hourani, a field commander of the mainstream Fatah group of the PLO was killed instantly when gunmen fired automatic weapons at him from a speeding car, the sources said.

The attack, which occurred south of Sidon, 24 miles south of Beirut, appeared to be part of bloody campaign by radical Palestinians opposed to Arafat's diplomatic moves to resolve the conflict with Israel. A police spokesman said an unidentified assailant took several shots at Hourani with an automatic rifle as he drove his motorcycle in the main street. The assailant escaped.

Hourani was killed a day after Arafat declared in Paris that he considered the PLO charter null and void.

Yesterday a gunman shot and critically wounded Issam Salem, Arafat's personal representative to Lebanon, in an assassination attempt in the southern port city.

A spokesman at Hamoud Hospital in Sidon said today Salem's condition is stable. He is still in a coma under intensive care, the spokesman said.

Another PLO official was the target of an assassination attempt at the Palestinian Miyeh refugee camp near Sidon last Saturday, sources said. They said the official, Zeid Wehbeh, was not at home when a rocket slammed into the building, wounding three people.

"I was elected on a political programme which is founded on the basis of two states (Palestine and Israel)," Arafat said in a television interview several hours after his meeting with Mitterrand.

"As for the charter, there is an expression in French. It is 'est caduc, (it is null and void)'."

Since the decision announced Nov 15 by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile, to recognise Israel and abandon terrorism, the organisation has been on a diplomatic roll. Arafat reinforced the council's decision by making similar statements at the United Nations in Geneva.

The PLO has stressed since November that the charter is no longer important because of the group's new policy. Arafat repeated that position during the interview on television news last night.

Arafat also met with Prime Minister Michel Rocard, Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, Pierre Mauroy, leader of the Socialist Party, and several other French politicians.

Mitterrand said today Arafat had made a start on clarifying his position on the search for Middle East peace by declaring the PLO charter was null and void.

Asked during the television interview about Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arafat said that it was a US idea submitted by the new administration in Washington and adopted by Israel.

But he asked if it would be possible to have "elections under occupation and under the supervision of an occupation Army?"

In the interview, Arafat also was questioned by Jewish writer Marek Halter who asked him if the Israelis could trust him.

"We too are afraid," Arafat said. "I do not have 180 nuclear warheads... We are all afraid. But if you want peace, then be courageous, extend us the hand of peace."

Israeli government officials today rejected as a lie Arafat's declaration that the PLO charter calling for the destruction of Israel was no longer valid. Liberals welcomed the statement as a positive step.

Syrian-based PLO groups denounced Arafat for describing his charter as obsolete.

"No one is allowed to amend the charter except a special session of the Palestine National Council (PNC)," said Khaled Al Fahoum.

Punish illegal chemical deals

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): American courts should impose stiffer penalties on people convicted of diverting to terrorist nations the material used to make deadly chemical weapons, the US customs commissioner said yesterday.

Uprising will continue: Amir

Economy recovering: Kuwaitis should be the backbone

KUWAIT, May 3, (Agencies): HH the Amir in an address to the nation has criticised the big powers for what he described as their indifference to violations of human rights by Israel in the occupied Arab territories.

He also said Kuwait's economy has made a recovery during the last two years and added Kuwaitis should form the backbone of the country's development.

The Amir, in a speech marking

the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan, said the uprising would go on until Palestinians achieved their aim.

"In the beginning we used to count the days, but now we are counting the years," he said.

"Not a single day passes without Israel killing a (Palestinian) martyr, demolishing a house or usurping land."

He said the Palestinian uprising had brought out the worst in Israel.

He rhetorically asked the big powers: "When you signed the human rights charter, was it meant to be a mere document to be kept in the United Nations files?"

The Amir highlighted the Arab League's effort to settle the 14-year-old Lebanese crisis and said those efforts were receiving the support of the United Nations and the big powers.

He appealed to Lebanese leaders to support those efforts

to salvage their country from its ordeal.

Such backing, he said, would be best expressed by fully implementing the resolutions of the Arab League "which we think is the only side capable of ending the Lebanese crisis."

Shifting to another Middle East hot spot, the Amir expressed hope that Iran and Iraq would agree in their current direct negotiations on durable peace and good neighbourliness under

which all efforts would be directed toward reconstruction and development.

He was also hopeful that warring sides in Afghanistan would come to an understanding and put an end to the battles between them so that their future would be secured "without outside pressure or intervention."

The Amir, in his traditional Ramadan-end address, was

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An Israeli policeman, and a plain clothes policeman (right) rush a Palestinian youth to safety after an angry Jewish crowd began to attack the youth following the stabbing to death of two Israelis. (Reuters wirephoto)

Assailant captured 2 stabbed to death

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 3, (Reuters): A Palestinian yelling "God is Great" stabbed two Israelis to death and wounded three more in Jerusalem's main shopping street today, police said.

Jewish passers-by captured the assailant and a companion, kicking and beating them until police intervened to take them away, witnesses said.

It was the most serious attack in Jewish West Jerusalem since the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip erupted in December 1987.

The dead included a 90-year-old man who was stabbed in the chest, hospital spokesmen said. His wife was wounded and was in critical condition.

The second fatality was a 60-year-old man, police said.

They said the assailant was aged about 25 and came from the West Bank town of Ramallah, where troops and demonstrators have frequently clashed the uprising.

Roni Shimon, an Israeli from a Jerusalem suburb who was in a restaurant of Jaffa road, said he saw the stabbings and later cornered the man in a nearby flower shop.

A large crowd of Israelis, police estimated up to 3,000 — later gathered outside West Jerusalem's main post office on Jaffa road shouting for revenge.

"Death to the Arabs, death to the Arabs," they chanted.

Witnesses said some of the crowd tried to attack passing Palestinians, but police escorted Arabs away for their own protection.

"There must not be lynching in Jerusalem," police operations chief Natan Kramarsky warned.

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Iran calls for lifting of curbs on pilgrims

NICOSIA, May 3, (Reuters): Iran demanded today that Saudi Arabia lift curbs on the number of Iranians attending the haj pilgrimage and said they should be allowed to stage anti-Western demonstrations.

Saudi Arabia has imposed a quota of 45,000 on the number of Iranians attending the annual pilgrimage, which erupted in violence in 1987 when the Iranian pilgrims staged demonstrations in Makkah. More than 400 people were killed.

Iranian Minister of Islamic Culture and Guidance Mohammad Khatami said the Saudis should accept more than 150,000 Iranians this year and allow the pilgrims to hold political rallies.

Iran boycotted last year's ceremony in protest at the quotas, imposed on all Muslim states because Saudi Arabia said facilities for pilgrims needed to be expanded.

Strains in Tehran-Riyadh relations eased after last August's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

The Saudi Haj Minister Abdul-Wahhab Abdul-Wasee said yesterday it was essential for all Muslim countries, including Iran, to abide by the quotas until renovation at the holy sites was completed.

US withheld missile tech

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): A top State Department official testified yesterday that a joint Argentine-Iraqi-Egyptian project to produce medium-range ballistic missiles had fallen far behind schedule due to allied export controls.

Other officials said the missile, known as Condor 2, was several years away from being tested.

"We expected it to be tested two years ago, at least," said one official.

The official said part of the technology required for the missile, which is being developed in Argentina and funded by Iraq and Egypt, was withheld by the United States.

Aoun to lift blockade on militia-run ports: Arab envoy

BEIRUT, May 3, (Reuters): Lebanon's Christian Army commander Michel Aoun agreed today to lift a sea blockade on militia-run ports that triggered six weeks of savage artillery battles in and around Beirut.

General Aoun has agreed to carry out the Arab League decision which calls for an end to all sea, land and air blockades and the reopening of all crossings for a period of three months, Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said after meet-

ing Aoun.

Syria and its Muslim militia allies demanded Aoun end his blockade on illegal ports that provide Muslim militias with much of their income, as a main condition to end the fighting that killed more than 290 people.

"After Aoun's agreement to lift the blockade, I think there is no justification for any bullet to be fired in Lebanon," he told reporters.

Brahimi did not say when the blockade

will be lifted.

There was no official statement from Aoun, who heads an interim military administration vying for power with a Syrian-backed cabinet led by Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

Brahimi and another Arab League envoy Abdel Aziz Al Jasssem, Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria, arrived in Beirut today and held talks with Hoss in West Beirut.

Sources close to Hoss and Aoun said the

two envoys discussed details about the deployment of a 312-man Arab ceasefire observer force.

Brahimi said the Lebanese crisis would be discussed at an Arab summit scheduled at the end of this month.

The worst fighting in 14 years of civil war broke out in mid-March when Aoun sought to extend his power beyond the Christian enclave and blockaded illegal militia ports.

Concern over rise in divorce

Problem overlooked

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times staff

FEMALE lawyers and women activists have expressed concern over the alarming rise in the rate of divorce among Kuwaitis.

The increasing number of divorces is creating a vicious circle of social problems like drug abuse, alcoholism, juvenile delinquency and failure at school, sociologists and lawyers say.

Calling for a frank look at the social problems in Kuwait, they said: "We've talked and discussed; now we need a solution (to the problems)."

A leading lawyer and an active social worker, Suad Dararwah said: "The society is not addressing the problem or examining it. We are doing everything is fine; we have a perfect society and nothing is wrong."

"But we have drug abuse and alcoholism and failure at school, mainly among children from broken homes due to a rising number of divorces. We have a big problem. We must do something about it."

Suad said 80 per cent of the social problems is due to a high rate of divorce. "Children from broken homes are insecure and seek solace in drugs and alcohol," said one social worker and sociologist.

Divorces have jumped 50 per cent in the last 10 years from a mere 616 in 1978 to 1,284 last year, according to statistics compiled by the Ministry of Justice.

Over the years, the rate of divorce among Kuwaiti couples has steadily risen. The crude rate on divorce, according to a study done by the Ministry of Planning, was about 2.9 per cent in the mid-1980s.

Mixed marriages are also breaking up, particularly if the wife is a Kuwaiti and the husband, non-Kuwaiti. The rate of divorce among such couples jumped from 369 in 1977 to 976 in 1986, falling to 841 in 1988.

The cause, social workers say, is a crisis of identity.

Except in 1986, there has been a steady decline in the rate of divorce among Kuwaiti husbands and foreign wives. In 1986, there were 515 divorces among such couples. In 1977, 414 divorces took place and the number fell to 392 by 1988.

Marriages break up for several reasons — paramount among them are incompatibility, marriage without a woman's consent, arranged marriages,

lack of education and an antiquated view of the concept of marriage.

Kuwaiti girls marry between the ages of 15-19, 20-24 and 25-29, said a study done by the Central Statistical Office on marriage and divorce trends in Kuwait between 1970-1985.

Suad said there is an urgent

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need to reflect on the concept of marriage and study the problem.

"There is something seriously wrong with the system of marriage in our (Kuwaiti) society," she said, blaming the trend of arranged marriages. Such alliances are common among the bedouin and the semi-literate families.

Dr Badriya Al Awadhi, a leading lawyer and social worker, blames the younger generation. She said: "The older women, the fewer the divorce. Unfortunately, the younger generation is not taking life seriously."

The rate of early marriage is expected to decline due to changing attitudes like education and career opportunities for women.

Most divorces occur when there is an age gap between an older husband and a young wife, below 25 years old.

Suad, who works for social upliftment of divorced women, believes the causes are much more deeper and serious. However, she agrees that age does play a role in the rising divorce rate.

Dr Badriya, who has done a study on divorce in Kuwait, said seven to 10 cases of divorce are filed each day, mainly among the below 25-year age group, and in most cases a marriage doesn't last more than a year. Some marriages break up after five years.

"Initially, both husband and wife are keen to make it work; but soon disillusion sets in and they separate," they said.

Suad feels arranged marriages just don't work. "A girl doesn't see her husband before marriage; she doesn't know him. How can she live with him," she asks.

"Arranged marriages break down when women find they are not suited to each other," said Badriya.

Incompatibility is the most serious problem, Suad added.

Suad said one marriage broke up because the woman was

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Lubbers: quits

Lubbers tenders cabinet's resignation

THE HAGUE, May 3, (UPI): Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers tendered the resignation of his government today following a 7-hour late-night emergency parliamentary debate on an inter-coalition disagreement over how to finance a grandiose environment protection plan.

Lubbers informed Queen Beatrix of his decision during an early morning audience before leaving Holland for West Germany. When leaving the Royal Palace the premier refused to answer any questions and it was not clear whether the monarch had accepted his resignation.

A palace spokesman said the Queen would make a statement on the resignation later today after conferring with the 9 parliamentary party leaders on the political situation.

The Dutch caretaker prime minister was to travel to the West German capital in an attempt to mediate between Bonn, Washington and London in the ongoing dispute on the modernisation of short-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

Lubbers took the decision to tender the resignation of his Liberal-Christian Democrat coalition during a debate yesterday which would otherwise have ended in an embarrassing vote of no confidence brought by his joint coalition partner.

The cabinet crisis arose after Joris Voorhoeve, leader of the liberal VVD Party told parliament his party's confidence in the administration of Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers depended on Lubbers' party dropping plans to withdraw tax benefits from car owners.

Students vote to hold protest

BEIJING, May 3, (Reuters): Defiant student leaders voted today to stage a demonstration in Beijing tomorrow in response to the government's refusal to hold talks with their independent union.

"Tomorrow is a people's holiday, a new period in the history of Chinese people's democracy," Wuerkaixi, chairman of the Beijing Students' Autonomous Federation, told reporters.

About 500 students crowding around dormitories in Beijing's Teachers University

cheered when they heard the result of the vote. Student leaders, each representing a Beijing college, voted 40 to five in favour of a demonstration. There were two abstentions.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of a protest march 70 years ago by Beijing students who launched a political movement for democracy and modernisation.

In a separate development, more than 100 Chinese journalists met in protest against what they called government censorship of their reports on the last three weeks of

students unrest.

The reporters, from major newspapers including the People's Daily, the party newspaper, said they planned to issue a written protest and possibly stage a march tomorrow.

Wuerkaixi declined to tell reporters where or when the students would demonstrate but all colleges would take part in the protest, even those which voted against, he said.

Slogans to be chanted at the protest would include "We want a real dialogue," "Support human rights," "Support freedom," another student leader said.

Seoul orders a crackdown

Six police officers killed

SEOUL, May 3, (Agencies): The government ordered a crackdown on student radicals today after six police officers were killed while trying to rescue five comrades held hostage on a campus in Korea's second largest city.

Some of the six officers died of burns or smoke inhalation and others were killed when they leaped from the seventh floor of a high-rise building set ablaze by students at Tongui University in the port of Pusan, 205 miles (330 km) southeast of Seoul. Eleven policemen and one student were injured.

The students set the fire to thwart police attempts to rescue the five hostages being held in the building.

It was only the second time South Korean police have been killed in months of near-daily battles with student demonstrators, and the government immediately launched a crackdown, detaining 88 students at the university and ordering the arrest of 50 dissident leaders, authorities said.

Authorities fired national police director Cho Jong-Suk and promoted Seoul police chief Kim Woo-Hyun to replace him after Cho offered to resign over the tragedy, which sparked outrage throughout the country.

President Roh Tae-Woo told



South Korean riot police remove the burnt body of one of six policemen who died after students set a building on fire to prevent a raid on a Pusan university yesterday morning. (Reuters wirephoto)

key law enforcement officials to use all means to end violence. "This was an attempt to topple our democratic system and disrupt law and order," Roh said at an emergency meeting. "This should be made a turning point to stamp out violence at any price."

About 700 riot police stormed the Tongui University campus at 5:10 am to free five policemen

held captive overnight by radical students.

As the police moved toward the seventh-floor room where their five comrades were being held, student radicals who staged an overnight sit-in scaped to the rooftop two stories above.

Several of the 12 injured were in critical condition and authorities said the death toll could rise.

NATO feud

US seeks to ease missile dispute

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): Norway's prime minister is meeting today with US President Bush to discuss a NATO missile dispute, as the United States seeks a solution before a summit meeting of allied leaders at the end of the month.

West Germany is trying to persuade NATO to scale back and eventually eliminate the nuclear Lance missile based within its borders. The Bush administration is considering the possibility of a compromise in which the US would develop a non-nuclear missile jointly with the West Germans, US officials said yesterday.

This would require a reversal of a decision by Bonn in February to stop research and development on the FK90 missile, which was classified as a tactical weapon with a range below 300 miles (483 kilometres).

A US official said that the missile could target Warsaw Pact airfields and other military installations now targeted by the Lances.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said development of the non-nuclear missile was under consideration at NATO headquarters in Brussels and at the Defence Department. "It would give us greater flexibility," he said.

Another option under discussion within the alliance is a declaration at the Brussels summit meeting May 29-30 proposing to scale back the Lance missiles — but only after their range is more than tripled and provided the Soviets reduce their short-range rockets, as well.

Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway, who was meeting with Bush today, said at a news conference yesterday that "what we need now is to look for the common ground, to look for what will be a sensible and coherent way of addressing the issues both of arms control and disarmament."

She said her government's position is that "all kinds of weapons" should be on the table in arms control and disarmament talks.

Norway has lined up with West Germany in seeking a delay in extending the range of the Lances to about 250 miles (402 kilometres).

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl meets with the Dutch leader today for talks expected to focus on the dispute.

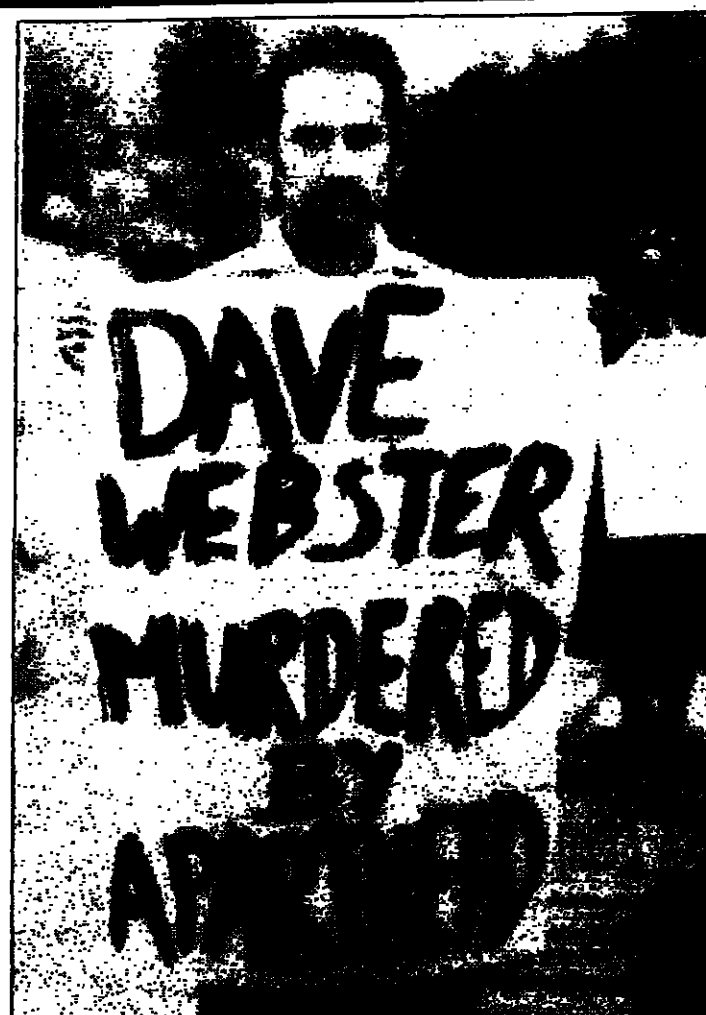
The Netherlands has offered to mediate in the NATO's internal dispute.

Stealth has great range

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): A top US Air Force general has offered a surprising amount of detail about the new B-2 Stealth bomber, disclosing it will have great range, an ability to land almost anywhere and payload of 25 tons of bombs.

The plane's capabilities will be such that had the B-2 been available in 1986, when US bombers attacked Tripoli, Libya, "just three to four B-2s could have done the job direct from stateside bases," said Gen Bernard Randolph, the head of the Air Force systems command.

More than 100 combat and support aircraft from the Air Force and Navy were used for that bombing mission. The B-2 would require at most two tankers to fuel it during the mission, Randolph said.



Activist shot dead

David Webster, a prominent white anti-apartheid activist assassinated outside his home, had just completed a major report contending that death squads were stalking government opponents, his editor said yesterday.

Webster, a university lecturer and leading critic of the South African government's policy of detention without trial, was shot in the chest on Monday by an assailant firing a shotgun from a passing car, police said after a postmortem yesterday. A police spokesman, Col Frans Malherbe, said 16 pellets were removed from Webster's body.

Anti-apartheid activists protest outside Johannesburg's University against the murder of Webster. (Reuters wirephoto)

TNA devices this summer

Battle against air terrorism

WASHINGTON, May 3, (UPI): Airports will begin using new explosive-detection devices this summer, but much remains to be done in the battle against air terrorism, a Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said yesterday.

"The problem of aviation terrorism is not over," Skinner told the National Press Club, adding that significant progress was made during his recent trip to six European nations.

The former Chicago-area transit official met with top officials in Britain, West Germany, France and other countries to discuss efforts to fight air terrorism, including the sharing of information and highly sophisticated detection devices. The transportation officials also discussed — without making any decisions — whether to ban carry-on electronic devices, such as radios, videocassette recorders and laptop computers, which can be used to conceal explosives.

Safest

"We're in this for the long haul," Skinner said in stressing that air travel anywhere in the world — especially on American carriers — remains one of the safest ways to travel.

New York's John F. Kennedy Airport will be the first to use the

new TNA — thermal neutron analysis — scanning devices in July, Skinner said. Gatwick Airport in London will be next to install the TNA machines. The Federal Aviation Administration spent \$60 million in developing the TNA devices, which allow authorities to detect forms of explosives, such as plastic, that are not detected by ordinary airport X-ray machines.

A TNA detector might have been able to discover the bomb that was smuggled aboard Pan American flight 103, the jumbo jet that exploded in the air and crashed at Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec 21, killing 270 people. Officials believe the bomb was hidden in a radio cassette player.

During an appearance yesterday on American television NBC's "Today" programme, Skinner said he hopes "several hundred" of the TNA machines will be in use around the world within several years.

Passengers and other airport users will be asked to pay for the additional security through ticket prices and user fees, Skinner said.

"We believe the users who benefit from the system should pay for the increased technology," he said. "A security fee ... is really relatively small compared to the cost of air travel."

Tamil prisoners escape

Indian guards killed

COLOMBO, May 3, (Reuters): Forty Tamil guerrillas killed two of their Indian guards at a prison camp and escaped into the Sri Lankan jungle, the Indian high commission said yesterday.

Four of the prisoners were killed when they grabbed their guards' guns at the camp in the Vavuniya area of northern Sri Lanka on Monday evening.

Three who were wounded were recaptured, but 40 got away with some weapons, a spokeswoman said.

"I believe in the evening they are allowed to go for a walk and they are let out. The breakout happened then," she said.

The camp holds suspects and captured Tamil guerrillas fight 45,000 Indian troops sent to northern Sri Lanka to implement a 1987 peace accord.

Some of those who escaped were members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which rejected the pact and continues to battle for an independent state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community.

The spokeswoman said she did not know how many prisoners were in the camp at the time of the breakout.

One LTTE leader began preliminary peace talks with the Sri Lankan government last week, but substantive talks remain stalled until other leaders arrive in Colombo from their northern hideouts.

Sihanouk predicts he will return home as head of state

JAKARTA, May 3, (UPI): Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk predicted today he will return to his homeland as head of state and team up with long-time foe Hun Sen in a joint battle against the dreaded Khmer Rouge.

In a dramatic conclusion to the peace talks aimed at settling the decade-old Cambodia conflict, Sihanouk said he was confident Hun Sen, the prime minister of the Hanoi-installed regime in Phnom Penh, will meet his two demands and reshape the government and

amend the constitution.

"We have made tremendous progress," said Sihanouk, head of the UN-recognized coalition of three rebel groups including the Khmer Rouge, blamed for the deaths of 1.5 million people during a three-year reign of terror ended by the Vietnamese invasion in 1978.

In a complete turnaround from his previous insistence that he run the country, Sihanouk told reporters he envisioned a role that is "not as powerful as French President

Mitterrand and not powerless like Queen Elizabeth."

Hun Sen extended the invitation to Sihanouk to return as head of state and chairman of the supreme council to organise general elections after only two hours of talks yesterday in the first session of the two-day talks. "I would like to take care of social welfare, seek humanitarian aid from abroad, receive visiting heads of state and represent the country at international conferences," Sihanouk said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Papal tour

LUSAKA, Zambia, May 3, (AP): Pope John Paul II flies today to the city of Kitwe, taking his anti-apartheid message into the heart of the country that hosts the South African-ousted African National Congress.

The pontiff took aim at South Africa's policy of racial segregation — apartheid — in his arrival speech last evening.

"Racism stands condemned," he said at the airport, flanked by Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda. "But it is not enough to condemn. Conditions must be fostered which enable fear to be banished and reconciliation to be achieved." He urged Zambia to "promote a constructive dialogue by the parties involved" to resolve the South African question.

Protest for food

DHAKA, May 3, (Reuters): Nearly 5,000 Bangladeshi villagers staged a noisy protest for food and other aid as the death toll from a tornado that hit their area a week ago approached 1,100, officials said today.

They said the villagers gathered in the central town of Manikganj, 65 km (40 miles) north of Dhaka, yesterday in protest at the delay in supplies reaching areas left inaccessible by road.

Trident missile

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): The Navy has found the mechanical problem that caused a Trident II missile to explode last March, but corrective design changes will contribute to a three-month "delay" in deployment, a military official said yesterday.

Dan Howard, a Defence Department spokesman, said a Navy board of inquiry had blamed the failure of a mechanical linkage in the first-stage nozzle.

Potential sites

WASHINGTON, May 3, (AP): The "Star Wars" programme has selected five sites for consideration as the home of an experimental system for storing huge amounts of electrical energy, the Defence Department has announced.

The sites, in Wisconsin, New Mexico, Texas and Washington, will be studied closely before a final decision is made next week, authorities said yesterday.

Ikko Kasuga dies

TOKYO, May 3, (AP): The founder and former chairman of Japan's opposition Democratic Socialist Party, Ikko Kasuga, died of pneumonia, hospital officials said today. He was 79. Kasuga died at Nagoya City University Hospital, said a spokesman for the hospital in Nagoya, central Japan.

100 detained

MOSCOW, May 3, (AP): About 200 young people attacked stores and restaurants following May Day celebrations in the Central Asia Republic of Turkmenia, and police arrested about half of them to end the rampage, Pravda said today.

"Those who were detained explain their action by exorbitant prices of co-operatives and the low quality of products and services," Pravda said.

"But as a method of protest, as was seen, they chose hooliganism," it added.

Caretaker role

TOKYO, May 3, (UPI): Outgoing Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita will formally ask Liberal Democratic Party executive board chief Masayoshi Ito, 75, next week to succeed him amid speculation Ito is balking at a caretaker role, news reports said today.

The Asahi Evening News, quoting party sources, said Takeshita will make the offer shortly after his return on Sunday from a nine-day tour of Southeast Asian nations.

Election fraud

WASHINGTON, May 3, (UPI): President Bush accused Panamanian Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega yesterday of plotting "massive election fraud," laying the groundwork for a continued campaign of US pressure after Sunday's balloting.

"Let met be clear," Bush said before a conference on Latin America at the State Department. "The United States will not recognise the results of a fraudulent election engineered simply to keep Noriega in power."

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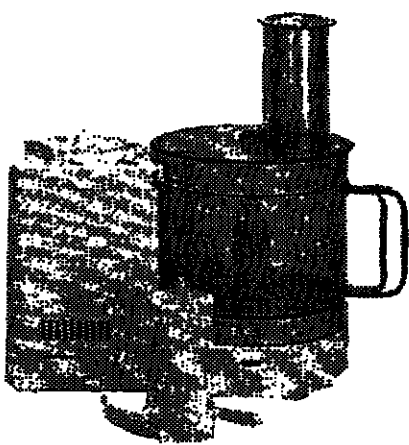


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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Disguised Michael Jackson

SIMI VALLEY, California, May 3, (AP): Police who surrounded a jewellery store after employees reported a suspicious person were stunned to learn the wigged man was pop superstar Michael Jackson in disguise.

In addition to the wig, the Grammy Award-winning singer was wearing a fake mustache, false teeth and eyelashes while shopping for rings at the Sycamore Plaza Store with a 12-year-old boy on Monday afternoon.

Held on murder charge

WHITLEY BAY, England, May 3, (AP): A 22-year-old civil servant described by his father as a "gentle, quiet son" was ordered held on a murder charge yesterday for allegedly shooting one man to death and wounding 14 others on Sunday.

Robert James Sarina, a social security official, did not have to plead at North Shields magistrates court when he was accused of killing Kenneth Mackintosh, 41.

Expression of remorse

LOS ANGELES, May 3, (Reuters): A Korean immigrant suspected of attempted rape was arrested after trying to present the victim with part of his little finger as an expression of his remorse, police said yesterday.

Yoon Yoon, 31, asked to meet the victim at a fast food restaurant in Los Angeles on Monday night, saying he was sorry for attempting to rape her last month and wanted to give her a present, police said.

Killer elected president

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Students at the London School of Economics voted to keep the killer of a policeman as their honorary president yesterday.

Winston Silcott, serving a life sentence, was elected to the post last week by student supporters of a campaign to prove he was wrongly convicted of murdering constable Keith Blakelock.

Attempt to extort \$15 million

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): A woman charged with her husband over an attempt to extort \$15 million from the Nicosia government by threatening to wipe out all life on Cyprus was cleared by a British court yesterday.

Kyriacou Kupparris, 29, wept when the jury at London's Old Bailey Court pronounced her not guilty.

Italian cardinal dead

GENOVA, Italy, May 3, (Reuters): Controversial Italian Cardinal Giuseppe Siri, a candidate for Pope four times and a fierce opponent of church reforms in the 1960s, died in Genoa yesterday aged 82, his doctors said.

A staunch conservative, Siri was a strong candidate in the conclave that elected Pope John XXII and had powerful support when Pope John Paul II was elected in 1978.

Former Life editor dies

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Sally Kirkland, the fashion editor of Life magazine for more than 30 years, has died at age 77. Kirkland died Monday of emphysema at St. Vincent's hospital.

Kirkland was the fashion editor of Life from 1947 to 1969, making the general-interest weekly influential in international fashion. She received the order of the Star of Solidarity from the Italian government in 1954 for her reports on Italian clothes and a Neiman-Marcus award in 1955 for contributions to fashion.

SDI technology

SANTA CLARA, Calif., May 3, (Reuters): H-bomb physicist Edward Teller said yesterday that supercomputer cameras and Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) technology could be used to protect earth from meteorites.

Teller, who played a major role in developing the hydrogen bomb and helped persuade former President Ronald Reagan to start SDI research, told an international conference on supercomputers that tracing and destroying meteorites should be an international priority.

Comedian opens theme park

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida, May 3, (AP): Comedian Bob Hope helped open Disney-MGM studios' new \$400-million theme park, capping a star-studded weekend of parties and previews.

"It's the largest theme park run by actors, or cartoon characters, unless you want to count Washington, D.C.," Hope joked.

Midwife pleads guilty

LOS ANGELES, May 3, (AP): Unlicensed midwife on trial for murder in the deaths of three babies unexpectedly pleaded guilty yesterday to involuntary manslaughter and insurance fraud in a plea bargain with the prosecution.

Dolores Doyle, 36, had been accused along with Dr. Miles KJ of bungling high-risk out-of-hospital baby deliveries in which mothers should have been hospitalized.



Diana smiles during a visit to Brunel House where she attended a presentation for a medical charity. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gunman arrested

CARDIFF, Wales, May 3, (AP): A man with a gun was arrested outside a train station in South Wales yesterday while Princess Diana was inside launching an educational train, police said.

Reporters at the station in Cardiff said the gun was believed to be a gas powered air pistol. Buckingham Palace said the Princess was only told of the arrest after she left the station.

Caring more about money

ROME, May 3, (Reuters): An Italian woman freed by kidnappers for what could be a record ransom has accused her husband of caring more about his money than winning her release.

Silvano Dell'Orto, held for more than six months, was freed yesterday after his industrialist husband Giuseppe Zannoni paid nearly four million lire (\$3 million).

Suicides toll declines

TOKYO, May 3, (AP): Suicides in Japan declined 10.5 per cent from a year earlier to 23,742 in 1988, although more women killed themselves, the National Police Agency said in a report released yesterday.

Suicides by men fell by 5.5 per cent to 14,934 while those by women rose by 1.7 per cent to 8,808, second only to 9,027 suicides by women in 1986, said a police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sons killer trial begins

MUSKEGON, Michigan, May 3, (AP): Jury selection began yesterday in the trial of a man accused of killing his two sons in a red-hot foundry ladle.

Bartley James Dobben, 28, has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. He has been shuffled among the state's psychiatric centres since his arrest on Nov 26, 1987.

Killer bees arrive in Miami

MIAMI, May 3, (UPI): A swarm of killer bees arrived in Miami aboard a Suriname freighter last month and was destroyed, state agriculture officials said.

The swarm of 500 Africanized bees — the first to be detected in Miami — was discovered April 21, within blocks of Miami's Bayside marketplace, at the Omni terminal, clustered on a container unloaded from the freighter.

Swiss Border Guard Corps

BERN, Switzerland, May 3, (AP): The Swiss Border Guard will be opened for women in 1990, topping the last civilian male bastion at the federal government level, an official announcement said yesterday.

Breast cancer may be linked to diet

The more the affluence, the higher the rate of malignancy

LOS ANGELES, May 3, (UPI): Researchers exploring causes of breast cancer are finding a curious link between diet and the disease, a relationship that also is reflected in where a woman lives.

Sobering statistics compiled recently by researchers at UCLA revealed that one in every seven women living in west Los Angeles develops breast cancer, while one in every 10 women living 25 miles away in Pico Rivera contract the malignancy.

Scientists say they are baffled over the difference, noting the rates reflect a national epidemic of breast cancer which in part may be related to affluent lifestyles that permit diets rich in fats.

"We're in the middle of a dramatic epidemic of breast cancer in this country and in Western Europe," said Dr Saar Porath, speaking at the national conference on the relationship of diet and breast cancer, held recently in Los Angeles.

Researchers at the conference said the more affluent the country, the higher the rates of breast cancer, but stopped short of saying whether such differences are definitively reflected in areas as small as counties.

However, strong hints of such a possibility are becoming increasingly apparent as a growing body of evidence illustrates how breast cancer may be a disease of affluence, researchers said.

Locally, west Los Angeles is significantly more affluent than Pico Rivera. Internationally, the United States and Western Europe have markedly higher rates of breast cancer than South America, Africa and Southeast Asia.

Italy is the only Western European country with breast cancer rates equivalent to the low rates of the Third World, where fat consump-

tion is less than 20 per cent of total dietary calories, statistics presented at the conference showed.

"When plotting a curve of who develops the disease, we saw that 20 years ago less than 20 per cent of women under the age of 50 got breast cancer, now it's 45 per cent," said Porath, director of the Woman's Breast Centre in Santa Monica, California.

He suggested the statistical change is not solely the result of improved methods of detecting the disease in recent years, but possibly also related to an increased tendency among American women to consume fatty foods.

"Virtually three-fourth of (the most common) cancers in women are associated with lifestyle," said Porath, referring to lung cancer, which is related to smoking, and colorectal, breast and ovarian cancers, which may have links to dietary fats.

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Admired

Jackie O' has strong will, says new book

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis is not the frail, whisper-voiced woman the world saw standing by the side of President John F. Kennedy, says the author of an unauthorized biography of the former first lady.

The real Jackie, says writer C. David Heymann, is a strong-willed woman who was probably a principal designer of the Kennedy administration's Camelot image.

"The image of this good Catholic husband with two beautiful children and a beautiful wife posing on the White House lawn was not the case," he said.

In his book, "A Woman Named Jackie," which went on sale yesterday, Heymann attempted to unravel the life and character of one of the world's most admired, photographed and written-about yet enigmatic women.

Interviews

"Although there have been so many things written about her, nothing I read really did the woman justice," he said in a telephone interview. "Everything was based on gossip and innuendo. I felt something along definite lines needed to be written."

His 632-page book is based on interviews with 825 people, including friends, employees and family members, but none of the Kennedys.

The author, by appealing to the director of presidential libraries in Washington D.C., gained access to the former first lady's White House social files. Through the Freedom of Information Act, he obtained thousands of pages of previously undisclosed FBI, CIA and Secret Service files.

Heymann's purpose was not to document the public successes and failures of the Kennedys' years in the White House, but to scrutinize their successes and failures as individuals — as husband and wife.

Indeed, a good portion of the book is devoted to the slain president's many alleged liaisons with women.

"A lot of this wasn't my original intention to go into his affairs in such depth," said Heymann. "I had merely heard all the rumors and innuendo. But, as a result of digging into various files, a lot of this became fact not merely rumor."

Mrs. Onassis' spokeswoman, Nancy Tuckerman, has said Mrs. Onassis would not comment on the book. A telephone message left at her office yesterday was not returned.

Cold

According to Heymann, Kennedy once sneaked out of a New York hotel for a sexual liaison without telling the Secret Service and without taking the list of codes he needed in the event of a nuclear attack.

Heymann wrote that Mrs. Kennedy, who married Kennedy in 1953, responded to her husband's sexual dalliances by being "glacially cold" toward him and going on spending sprees.

"It was at these junctures that she went on shopping sprees, burning thousands of dollars on jewellery, designer clothes, paintings, whatever captured her fancy," he wrote.

After the August 1963 death of the Kennedys' third child, when the boy was just 3 days old, the couple seemed to grow closer in their grief, Heymann wrote.

Global efforts inadequate

UNITED NATIONS, May 3, (Reuters): Support for a global attack on drug trafficking is inadequate and the international community has yet to declare a real war against the illicit trade, a top United Nations official said yesterday.

"On the resource side, the pledges and contributions have not yet reached a level that would indicate that the international community is truly on a war footing," said Giuseppe di Gennaro, executive director of the UN fund for drug abuse control.

His comments were part of a report to the UN economic and social council which began four weeks of meetings yesterday.

A global, counter-attack constructed to respond to the "transnational strategy of the enemy," was needed, he said. "To succeed, the counter-attack must have the full political and financial participation of all concerned governments."

Confusion over cold fusion grows

Physicists attack chemists

BALTIMORE, Md., May 3, (Reuters): A cascade of negative reviews from some of the world's most eminent physicists has seriously undercut — perhaps fatally — two chemists' claims to have achieved nuclear fusion at room temperature in a glass jar.

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Third day of UK jail riot

WARRINGTON, England, May 3, (AP): Prisoners awaiting trial knocked down walls and flooded cell blocks yesterday, the third day of a riot against conditions at Risley Remand Centre and in northern England.

"It was an orgy of destruction," said Graham Harrison, leader of the guards at the holding centre.

Guards and police with riot gear watched from below as prisoners on the jail roof displayed banners protesting conditions at the centre near Warrington, east of the port city of Liverpool.

Guards said 55 rioters were in control of the roof and two top floors of D-wing and had destroyed the top floor of B-wing, where all 48 cells were smashed. Water had damaged another 60 cells on two floors below, they said.

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Uprising will continue: Amir

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optimistic that the new-born Arab Maghreb Union and the Arab Co-operation Council would be a driving force behind the Arab League—the umbrella Arab body—to achieve its goals.

The Amir, also hailed the steady progress of the Gulf Co-operation Council, saying the GCC is becoming all the more firm and stable.

He hoped that Islamic nations would work to foster ties between them under the Organisation of Islamic Conference, pointing out that each country has the right to choose the system that fits it best without making such choice a reason for internal conflict or for dispute with neighbouring states.

On the home front, the Amir pointed out that Kuwait's free economy had felt the impact of several domestic and global developments that weakened it in the 1980s.

But he stressed that, with the special attention of the state, signs of recovery made themselves clear in the past two years in certain economic sectors.

"We hope that gradual improvement would increase in a reasonable and agreeable way to encompass the whole economy," he added.

The Amir underlined the need for stronger co-operation between the oil sector and scientific institutions in areas of alternative energy sources, a scientific branch which, he added, is becoming increasingly impor-

tant at the global level. Emphasizing the interest of the nation and citizens, the Amir said comprehensive and effective modernisation is the vast field for Kuwaitis to express love for Kuwait.

"Modernisation is a duty that no one would shun except those who accept backwardness in our contemporary world," the Amir went on.

He added, "the Kuwaiti citizens should be the backbone for the true development of their country."

While appreciating Arab and foreign expertise serving Kuwait, he said: "We look forward to have the Kuwaiti expertise becoming the foundation that our development be based upon."

Arabs have the priority for employment among non-Kuwaiti expertise, but he added, Kuwait's future is the responsibility of its sons. This would be achieved through widening the scientific and technical base in order to accommodate all specialities that development needs, the Amir said.

He added, Kuwait, in the 1980s, has passed through tough economic, political and security ordeals, "in which Almighty God helped us overcome them with collaboration of Kuwait's sons."

He said Kuwait is now preparing for a qualitative leap into the 1990s, pointing out that such a goal calls for dedication on the part of all Kuwaitis.

Kuwaiti envoy confers with Syrian officials

Discussions centre on Lebanon

DAMASCUS, May 3, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria, Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Jasssem and Arab League Assistant Secretary-General, Al Akhbar Ibrahim met here yesterday with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara and State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nasser Qadour.

Discussions during the two

separate encounters centred on the situation in Lebanon in light of recent Arab foreign ministers' resolutions aimed at solving the Lebanese crisis.

Diplomatic drive

Ibrahim arrived here on Monday and conferred with Jasssem on their joint diplomatic drive

and contacts they are due to make with concerned Lebanese parties in Beirut as envoys of the Arab League secretary-general and the chairman of the Arab Six-man Committee entrusted with resolving the Lebanese ordeal.

Jasssem and Ibrahim are expected to leave for the Leban-

ese capital today for talks with acting Premier Dr Salim Al Hoss and head of military government Gen. Michel Aoun as well as other Lebanese leaders.

Resolutions

The two envoys' consultations in Beirut will centre on means of implementing the Arab League

resolutions which aim at stabilising a ceasefire, deployment of Arab observer force to monitor the truce, lifting present seaports blockades and reopening of crossroads between the capital's western and eastern sectors as part of a comprehensive peace plan for ending the conflict in that war-torn Arab country.

Kuwait secure, says Salem

Extended power to mayors

KUWAIT, May 3, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem said here today that security is prevalent in Kuwait despite some minor incidents.

Sheikh Salem praised efforts exerted by the security forces to protect Kuwait and called on citizens and expatriates to co-operate with security authorities.

Some of the minor incidents, Sheikh Salem said, can be described as individual and isolated which will not affect the healthy body of this country. As an example, he cited the case of several young boys who were arrested by securitymen after they had gathered near a bridge and started pelting stones at pas-

sing cars. The boys were jailed for 10 days as a form of punishment.

Car thefts and other similar thefts are individual acts and are to be viewed as isolated incidents normal to every country. What is important that true security in essence prevails in the country, Sheikh Salem added.

Effort

He went on to say that the Ministry of Interior spares no efforts in enhancing security and has a well-equipped force and supportive staff who provide security round the clock to Kuwait. What is needed is the co-operation of the public, citizens and expatriates as "one hand alone cannot clap," Salem said.

Speaking about the role of

mukhtars, the minister said that a committee of 12 mukhtars (mayors) from different areas of the country was established to submit their proposals and visualisations to implement HH the Amir's wish to extend their powers.

HH the Amir wishes to provide further authority to mayors so that they can supervise every public service in their district like electricity, telephones, health, security and education.

The Ministry of Interior intends to link the mayor's offices with a computer network shortly so that mayors get detailed information on what is going on in the country, Sheikh Salem concluded.

Moon sighting committee

THE Ministry of Justice announced that the Legal Moon Sighting Committee will hold its meeting at 8.30 pm today. The committee will accept the testimony of the public for sighting the new Moon of Shawwal which comes after Ramadan. If the Moon is sighted on Thursday evening, Friday, May 5th will be the first day of Eid if not, then Saturday

will be first day of Eid Al Fitr. Meanwhile, the Amir Diwan announced that His Highness the Amir will receive the well-wishers on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr at the Seif Palace immediately following the Eid prayers.

The Amir Diwan expressed best wishes on the occasion of the Eid to the Kuwaiti people and Arab and Islamic nations.

Social allowance for Kuwaiti children raised

RELIABLE sources have told a local daily that relevant authorities agreed to increase the social allowance given for Kuwaiti children. The sources added that a draft law increasing the allowance from KD30 to KD50 a month for every child will be issued shortly. The sources added that the draft law will be in effect as from July 1, 1989 after the state budget is approved.

Sources added that the increase will benefit all national public servants working in ministries and other government establishments: the civilians, military staff and retired employees.

A number of citizens who benefit from the increase pointed out that such a decision will help many needy families and will support the population balance between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis because it will encourage Kuwaitis to have more children. They added that the decision will have positive effects on the economic situations of the country.

Concern over rise in number of divorces

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married "without her consent" to a cousin and came to know of the alliance a year later.

"The girl's father had taken the bride-price from the groom and had forged her signature on the marriage contract. The girl was shocked when she found out she was married," Suad said.

The bride-price, paid by a husband, ranges between KD4,000 and KD5,000 and could go up, depending on the financial status of a family. However, a woman is not obliged to give a dowry.

Suad, like other social workers, decries the practice of arranged marriages. "Most marriages are treated like an alliance between two families. In such an alliance, where does the woman stand?" asks Suad.

In some cases social pressures push people into ill-matched alliances. "Both men and women are under pressure to get married; it is socially unacceptable for people not to marry. To avoid the questions of prying relatives, they rush into a marriage only to regret it later," Suad said.

Women working with divorced women say marriages break up due to an absence of emotional security and the burden of responsibility.

Suad explained: "A woman is brought as a wife, put in a home and forgotten. Her only function seems to get pregnant and bear children. When she asks for love and care, or an equal place in the home, friction occurs, eventually leading to divorce."

"Most husbands don't share responsibility. A woman is expected to shuffle between home and career, and not complain about the burden," she added.

Suad feels that a whole new

look at the concept of marriage is essential.

"The system (of marriage) is not normal. Times have changed; attitudes have changed, but the rules regarding marriage have not. So, we have a serious problem," said Suad.

The maximum number of divorces are among the semi-literate and illiterate among the bedouin. Education is needed to put them into the right perspective, the social worker said.

"Most women don't know their rights," said Badriya. "Even educated women don't take the trouble of learning their rights," added Suad.

The Family Law defines the role of both a husband and a wife, covering both parties. "It is a good law. But it is not implemented the way it has been written down," claims Suad.

"In our society, we say something and do something else. This also applies to the law; it is not practised to the letter," said Suad.

"It is easier for a man to divorce than for a woman, who has to face a prolonged court battle to break free," she said.

The Family Law of 1984 is "fair and just," Badriya said. She said women have the right to divorce; equal rights of inheritance and a say in the home; she is also entitled to alimony and gets custody of children.

Tenders invited

MANAMA, May 3, (GNA): The Health Secretariat General of the Arab Gulf States has invited tenders for the establishment of a Gulf company for producing medications and antibiotics at a cost estimated at \$50 million.

Crimefile

Shootout in Dhahar

A KUWAITI citizen shot several times at a policeman in Al Dhahar area last night. The incident took place when the policeman was visiting the house to arrest the brother of the accused. The man, known as F.R. refused the arrest order and took his gun and started shooting in the direction of the policeman. Police patrols rushed to the scene and surrounded the house. The man refused to surrender in the beginning, but gave up after a few hours. The man was then referred to relevant authorities for investigations.

Liquor, guns seized

CID men seized a quantity of liquor and live ammunition at Wafra area, in a sheep pen. The CID men arrested four defendants one Kuwaiti and three Iraqis who admitted to possessing the liquor and weapons which they bought for trading.

Four face imprisonment

THE court sentenced four men to 20 months imprisonment with a fine of KD1,000 each. Three of the four men will be deported after spending their prison terms. While a fifth man was given an innocent verdict.

The four sentenced men were accused of smuggling and dealing in narcotics.

Hot chase

CAPITAL Governorate detectives arrested Yousef M., non-Kuwaiti after an hour-long car chase that started in Salmiya and continued along the Arabian Gulf Street. The detectives fired several times at the accused car and finally succeeded in firing at the tyres. They found 25 cases of whisky in the car and also arrested the accused. He has been referred to authorities for further investigations.

Traffic accidents

TWO persons died and 4 others were injured in traffic accidents that occurred in Kuwait yesterday. In one of the accidents the driver died when his car overturned and was totally burnt at the Maghreb Motorway.

Public poll

THE Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah has said that the ministry is preparing a public questionnaire on radio and TV programmes aimed at collecting comments by viewers and listeners.

He told Al Seyassah that these two main public media must necessarily cater to the needs and requirements of the people.

UAE exports ready-made garments to US

A REPORT published by the UAE Industrial Bank pointed out that the value of exports of ready-made clothes manufactured in the UAE to the United States of America reached \$58 million during 1988.

The report explained that these exports to the USA represents 1.5 per cent of the total USA ready-made clothes imports and also forms 15 per cent of UAE indicated share of ready-made clothes exports to America.

An agreement was signed between the UAE and the USA which indicated the UAE share of exports US markets. The US clothes market is the number one importer of ready-made clothes from almost 42 countries around the world. Clothes manufactured in these countries cost 40 per cent less than the price of similar clothes manufactured in the US.

The UAE has increased its exports of

ready-made clothes 600 per cent compared to exports in 1987.

The report added that the number of factories for ready-made garments increased from 6 in 1985 to 14 in 1986 then to 58 in 1988.

UAE has 1359 tailoring establishments that produce ready-made clothes for the local market. The report placed more optimism on the future of ready-made clothes in UAE.

Kuwait airport gears up for summer rush

By Nashat Al Agha

KUWAIT International Airport is under pressure during several periods of the year. The last ten days of Ramadan is one of the seasons for Omra and visiting the holy lands in Saudi Arabia as also the travelling season during Eid Holidays.

Officials at the civil aviation and Kuwait International Airport enhance service capabilities and co-operate with other airlines to increase the number of trips and to facilitate and streamline arrivals and departures.

Seyassah/Arab times interviewed a number of officials at Kuwait International Airport to highlight the most important efforts during this season.

Preparations

The Controller of Kuwait International Airport, Khalil Al Shati expressed the airport staff's willingness to provide assistance to passengers. He said that preparations are made accordingly and reserva-

tions are attended to on a constant basis. Airport employees are not allowed to take leave during rush seasons and more facilities are utilised to support ground services.

Kuwait Airways and Saudi Airlines agreed to increase flights during peak season. The Kuwait-Jeddah route is also provided with the largest passenger planes, Shatti said. The airport statistics department and administration has accurate statistics of passengers during previous peak seasons. Such statistics assist airport personnel to organise and undertake appropriate measures to cater to the increase in travellers during this period.

Shatti urged the public to co-operate with airport employees. He said that employees at the airport find themselves solving problems of persons who come to see or receive their relatives and friends at the airport while they should actually take care of passenger problems.

He also urged the public to preserve airport utilities and general airport cleanliness.

The head engineer at the Airport Administration Department, Adel Yusuf Al Awadhi said that the department conducts maintenance of all airport utilities and passengers buildings. Improper use of utilities by the public has caused big losses to the airport and increased the cost of maintenance, Awadhi said.

In a related development, a local daily interviewed a number of sales officers at travel offices to highlight reservation and discounts offered.

Eid holidays are considered a good opportunity for many to travel abroad to different countries like Greece, Egypt, Cyprus and others. A large number of youths and a number of families go to travel offices days before Eid to make necessary reservations, an official said.

A large section of sales managers expressed optimism that sales will improve this

season. They also said that families travel more than single youths.

Fawzi Khalaf, a booking officer at one of the Arab airlines said that Ramadan is different business-wise for most travel offices. The office Khalaf works at has already prepared for the rush of the summer season by providing extra flights. He said that most residents prefer Iraq, European countries and ASEAN countries during summer. He added that sales during the first days of Ramadan were good and that most travellers are families who usually wait for summer vacations to see their families.

Osama Miquad, a sales manager, said that travelling to the holy lands in Saudi Arabia increases during Ramadan. Most Arabs residing in Kuwait travel to Egypt while Kuwaitis prefer European countries, he added.

He pointed that sales are weak during the first days of Ramadan because most people in Muslim countries fast.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sabah audience

KUWAIT, May 3, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received yesterday at his office the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

Sheikh Sabah received as well the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi who informed him on his mission as special emissary of HH the Amir to Mauritania and Senegal.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister later on received Al Qadisiya football team star Faisal Al Dakheel and former national football team star Abdalla Mayouf.

Minister's visit

KUWAIT, May 3, (KUNA): Education Minister, Anwar Al Nouri yesterday paid an inspection visit to Farwaniya educational area where he met with the Area's director, Ibrahim Abalkhal.

During the visit, the minister toured some of the area's schools, met with headmasters and expressed his satisfaction and admiration of teachers' performance.

Nouri was accompanied by education undersecretary, Abdulrahman Al Khodhari, and his assistant for information and students affairs, Abdel Mohsen Al Saed.

Jahra plan

THE Director of Jahra Education Area Sulaiman Al Khouh was quoted as saying that his area had prepared a five-year plan. In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the idea which has been approved by the Planning Department at the Ministry of Education had been considered a pioneering effort.

He added that the planning department had called for the circulation of this idea to cover all the educational areas in the country. He clarified that the plan had been prepared in two months and had set up the area's requirements for the next five years including the establishing of five schools.

He added that a meeting will be held next week with the official at the planning department to debate this plan and to exchange the points of view on it.

Osaimi's surprise visit

KUWAIT, May 3, (KUNA): State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi returned home yesterday.

Osaimi had conveyed two messages from HH the Amir to Presidents of Mauritania Maouiya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya and of Senegal Abdou Diouf of the problem which erupted between the two countries, as a result of clashes between Senegalese and Mauritians in various parts of the two Muslim states, in which hundreds were killed and injured on both sides.

Health committee

KUWAIT, May 3, (KUNA): Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzaq Yousef Al Abdul Razzaq has decided setting up a committee for development of health information.

The decision entrusted the committee, under the chairmanship of the ministry's Undersecretary for Public Affairs Dr Ali Al Seif, with studying the situation and pertinent conditions.

The committee was asked to propose a phased programme for promoting the apparatus, particularly on means of removing contradictions and overlapping of responsibilities.

Appointment

THE Kuwait Cultural Attache at the Kuwait Embassy in Washington Dr Musaad Al Haroun will be appointed as Undersecretary at the Ministry of Higher Education, a local daily reported.

It added that the board of Kuwait University in a meeting held recently had agreed to delegate the assistant rector for cultural affairs at the university Dr Ali Al Tarrah to replace Haroun at the Kuwait Embassy in Washington.

Tarrah had recently accompanied Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan during his recent visit to Washington where he had familiarised himself with the nature of Haroun's post.

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Pakistan considering assault: Najibullah

KABUL, May 3, (Agencies): President Najibullah said yesterday that Pakistan is considering a night-time assault by 15,000 soldiers to capture Jalalabad and turn over the strategic eastern town to US-armed Afghan rebel forces.

Najibullah also refused to rule out the possibility of extending after May 17 a state of emergency and military rule declared two days after the completion of the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan nearly three months ago.

He made his comments from a stage protected by machine-gun-toting guards during a 90-minute news conference.



Najibullah

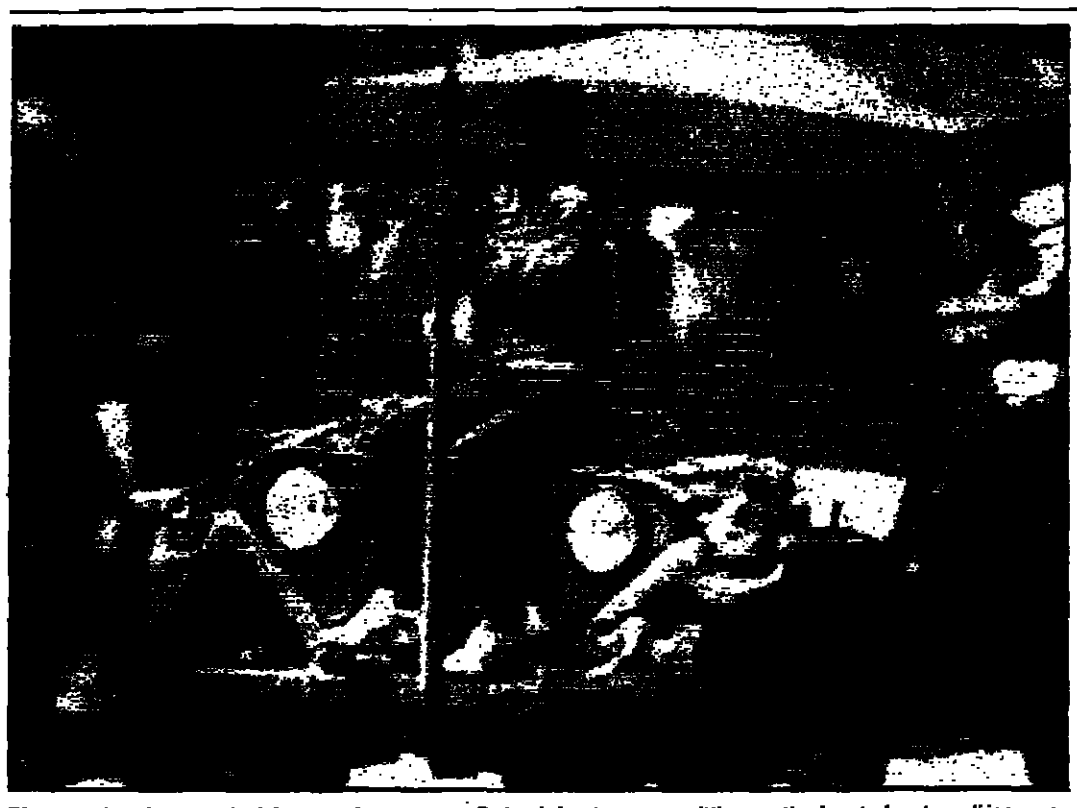
As he spoke, a UN-run food distribution programme ran out of supplies as a crowd of frantic men and children clawed and fought to grab the last 13 sacks of flour and sugar tossed from the rear of a truck outside a clinic near the Soviet embassy in Kabul.

The violence illustrated the plight of hundreds of thousands of people beset by shortages of basic foods and fuel due to blockades of the landlocked capital's main supply routes by Muslim fundamentalist rebels hoping to fuel public discontent with Najibullah's government.

The aid programme itself has been beset by a dearth of donations, apparently because many wealthy Western nations prefer to have their contributions go to the three million Afghan refugees in neighbouring Pakistan rather than distributed in the bastion of the Soviet-backed government.

Najibullah told the news conference the United States, other Western nations and Pakistan had "taken the side of terrorism, the side of religious extremists" by aiding the rebels in violation of the UN accords that paved the way for the Feb 15 Soviet withdrawal.

Significant rise in violence in occupied territories: uprising produces new game



Picture taken from a television monitor shows a Palestinian teenager sitting on the front of an Israeli jeep on Tuesday as it passes through Ramallah in order to deter stone-throwers from attacking the army. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraqi technology site

US companies may have given equipment

WASHINGTON, May 3, (UPI): US companies may have provided 40 per cent of the equipment at an Iraqi technology site believed associated with missile development, a Middle East scholar told a Senate Subcommittee yesterday.

But a Senate Department official, asked about the claim by Seth Carus of the Washington Institute for New East policy, told the senators he had "no such information," and a congressional staffer said questions remain about whether the equipment, even if provided, would have been subject to export controls.

"According to one report, American corporations may have supplied 40 per cent of the equipment used at the Saad 16 complex in Iraq,"

Libyan pilot

Asylum

CAIRO, May 3, (UPI): A Libyan pilot who defected to Egypt last week with a Soviet-made MI-24 "Hind" helicopter has been granted political asylum, the state-run newspaper Al-Messa reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the pilot, identified as Faiz Al-Saghir, had asked to remain in Egypt as a political refugee.

Al-Saghir landed his MI-24 last Wednesday near Aswan, 500 miles (800 km) south of Cairo.

Arabs close to agreeing on summit with Egypt

RABAT, May 3, (Reuters): Arab leaders appear close to calling a summit meeting in Morocco which would stress Palestinian moderation and welcome Egypt back to the fold.

The meeting, expected to be in Casablanca in late May or early June, would aim mainly at intensifying pressure on Israel to accept creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The spotlight would therefore be intended to fall on conservative leaders like Morocco's King Hassan, Egyptian President Mubarak, Saudi Arabia's King Fahd and Jordan's King Hussein who have been hoping to influence Israel through its main backer, the United States, and other Western friends.

The heads of state would also discuss Lebanon's intractable 14-year-old civil war in the light of success or failure for a Christian-Muslim ceasefire called by Arab League foreign ministers last week.

Arab diplomatic sources say that Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, perennially at odds with Egypt, is the only leader who has not yet agreed to attend.

Palestinian leaders say they are trying to win him

Boy used as human shield

Soldier jailed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 3, (UPI): A soldier was disciplined and ordered jailed by his commander yesterday for forcing a Palestinian youth to ride on the hood of his jeep as a human shield from rock throwers.

The soldier, who was not identified, could face a full court-martial for the incident, the spokesman said.

The Army spokesman said using Palestinians as shields from stone throwers was "an exception to Army policy, absolutely against all Army regulations."

The soldier reportedly described the incident as a joke, the spokesman said. The youth was briefly detained but later released.

Elsewhere in the Israeli-occupied territories, soldiers shot and wounded at least 15 Palestinians in scattered clashes, including a seven-year-old girl shot in the head, Palestinian sources said.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, two Palestinians were stabbed and wounded by unknown assailants. Residents said one victim was suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities, but the motive for the second attack was not clear, Palestinian sources said.

There has been a significant rise in recent weeks in the number of attacks against suspected Palestinian collaborators and criminals.

Israeli government sources estimate more than 40 Palestinians have been killed by fellow residents of the territories during the nearly 17-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Prominent Palestinians in the occupied territories also sent a letter to French President Mitterrand yesterday thanking him for receiving PLO chief Yasser Arafat amid sharp Israeli criticism of the meeting.

The Israeli Army demolished today the homes of five Palestinians whom it said were suspected of belonging to an underground "shock force" which beat a fellow-Arab to death two weeks ago.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin enraged Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank yesterday, saying their settlements had little security value and his troops could not protect them from stone-throwing Arabs.

A committee appointed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to work out details of his Palestinian elections proposal is discussing ways to involve the United States in observing the balloting, a spokesman said yesterday.

Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimier said US involvement, which could answer one Palestinian objection to Shamir's plan, was among various tactics being studied on how to conduct the proposed vote in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The State Department expressed alarm yesterday about "the rising tide of violence" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as it offered its first public comment about recent assassinations of Arabs accused of collaborating with Israeli occupation troops.

The killings of Palestinians by other Palestinians, occurring amid the backdrop of the uprising in the occupied territories, have increased after a Palestinian underground group issued a call for stepped-up action against collaborators.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the killings on either side "frustrate the search for peace."



Nakhajima

PLO in WHO

'Against interest'

WASHINGTON, May 3, (Reuters): The chief of the World Health Organisation said yesterday legal arguments seem to go against PLO membership in the UN agency and suggested the issue of Palestinian statehood should be tested elsewhere.

Director-general Hiroshi Nakajima refused to predict how the 166 member states in WHO's assembly would vote next week in Geneva if, as expected, the application from the Palestine Liberation Organisation is presented.

But he said he hoped a US threat to withhold aid would be seen as a warning that the issue of PLO membership is "nationally, internationally a very serious problem and this (WHO) is not the place to talk about it."

US Secretary of State James Baker's threat to cut US financial support to the WHO if it admits the PLO is "beyond comprehension," Clovis Maksoud, representative of the Arab League to the United Nations, said yesterday.

The PLO told the United States at a meeting in Tunis no one had the right to oppose its application to join the WHO, a senior Palestinian official said.

In a new bid for wider recognition, the newly proclaimed state of Palestine wants to become a party to the Geneva war conventions, it was reported yesterday.

Officials at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat informed the neutral agency two weeks ago about the intention to sign the humanitarian principles.

The Palestinian uprising has produced a new game that has Israelis battling stone-throwing Palestinians on computer screens and getting burned — either by firebombs or world public opinion.

Shahar Melamed, a computer buff, said the game is being passed around by computer amateurs and is popular among children in Rehovot, a town near Tel Aviv.

Melamed is a photo editor at the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot, which printed a story on the game yesterday. He said the programme was signed only by "Mike" and added: "Some details of the programme indicate it was done in the United States."

"I don't know who wrote the programme but he seems to be a very good programmer," Melamed said in an interview.

The game is titled "The Intifada," the Arabic word for "uprising" that is commonly used, even by Israelis, for the 16-month-old revolt against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinian children have made up their own street game on the theme in which they take turns playing soldiers and stone throwers, shoot with plastic guns and even hold mock funerals for "martyrs."

30,000 refugees, fleeing violence, airlifted home

NOUAKCHOTT, May 3, (Reuters): As the Spanish C-130 military transport plane lumbered into the evening sky above Dakar, the 131 Mauritania men on board relaxed — they were alive and going home.

The passengers on the Hercules plane dubbed Dumbo III were among more than 30,000 refugees who have been repatriated in an international air shuttle. Planes have been flying non-stop in both directions between Mauritania and Senegal after last week's violence killed hundreds of people in both countries.

For the first time in more than three days, Mahmoud allowed himself a brief smile as he took the bread and fresh fruit handed out by Spanish aid workers. He was said, he said, to be leaving the Senegalese capital where he had worked as a trader for seven years.

Any joy, however, was tempered by the manner in which he had left Senegal and the uncertain future waiting for him back home in Mauritania.

Like most of the refugees fleeing the violence, he had to leave all his belongings behind.

No extradition requests yet

Khashoggi languishes

BERN, May 3, (UPI): Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi began his third week in a Swiss prison yesterday pending proceedings on extradition to the United States.

"There has still been no formal extradition request from American authorities and we have also heard nothing so far from Mr Khashoggi's lawyers," a Justice Ministry spokesman said.

Khashoggi was arrested April 18 in Bern, the Swiss capital, on the basis of a New York warrant charging him with illegal real estate deals on behalf of former Philippines President Marcos and his wife Imelda.

The United States has 60 days — six more weeks as of yesterday — under Swiss law to submit a formal extradition request.

US diplomats explained the delay by the need for the entire New York indictment against Khashoggi and running to some 50 pages to be translated into German and to be accompanied by corroborating testimony.

Swiss and American officials said privately that they believe Khashoggi's lawyers are trying to arrange for the onetime billionaire to go voluntarily to New York but then be released at once on bail.

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ARAB TIMES

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The Irish question

Insoluble equation?

By Paul Majendle

IRISH revolutionary leader Gerry Adams says you cannot shoot, bomb and terrorise one million Northern Ireland Protestants into joining a united Ireland.

But he argues fervently that British withdrawal from the North and an end to partition would rapidly give those Protestants an effective voice in an islandwide republic.

The leaders of the IRA's political wing insists "resolution of the conflict would free unionists from their historic leaguer mentality and would grant them real security instead of tenure based on repression and triumphalism".

The Sinn Féin president, laying out his political credo in a new book entitled "Pathway To Peace," stresses in the runup to next month's local elections in the North "we do not intend to turn back the pages of history or dispossess the loyalists."

Northern Ireland offers one of history's most insoluble equations — one million Protestants outnumber Catholics two-to-one in the North, but would be outnumbered four-to-one in a united Ireland.

That insoluble equation has cost almost 3,000 lives in Northern Ireland's 20-year political and sectarian conflict, already six years old than Lebanon's bloody civil war.

Adams, whose critics argue that his support for Irish Republican Army guerrillas perpetuates and aggravates the agony, says "You cannot bomb, shoot, terrorise a million screaming, kicking Protestants into an Irish republic against their will."

But he argues that the problems of this divided and tragic island are bedevilled by simplification and exaggeration.

He reasons that unionists, deprived of British support and facing a united Ireland, could "quickly adapt themselves to the idea of equal citizenship and claim for themselves an effective democratic voice in the running of their own country."

He says of Unionist politicians "their refusal to enter into dialogue with anyone and their disillusionment with the British government is producing a momentum towards disaster."

Next month's local elections are a crucial test of support for Sinn Féin among the Irish nationalists in the province.

The IRA's political wing, which is fielding 95 candidates, was gravely embarrassed recently when the guerrilla group had to offer its "sincerest apologies" for killing a 20-year-old Catholic woman in a botched attack on a police station.

Joanne Reilly, killed in the picturesque border town of Warrenpoint that is predominantly nationalist, was the 29th person to be killed by mistake in the past 18 months by the IRA.

The bungled attack prompted a speedy statement from Adams, who is eager to widen his revolutionary party's base of support among nationalists and curiously urged the IRA to be more careful.

Adams, at present fighting for the 15th time to get the US State Department to give him a visa to visit the United States and present his party's case there, now has a public platform in the North that had been lost to him for six months.

In a major security clampdown, the British government decided last year to impose a media ban on all politicians who publicly supported guerrilla violence in the North.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said they should be starved of what she called "the oxygen of publicity."

When the ban was temporarily lifted last week as canvassing got under way for the local elections, one of the first moves Sinn Féin leaders had to make was to express publicly their regret and anger over the bungled Warrenpoint jacket.

With his pipe and tweed jacket, the bearded Adams looks more like a mild-mannered professor than a fiercely committed revolutionary leader.

PRESS REVIEW

Act quickly on Lebanon

ABU DHABI, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates newspapers have called for greater efforts to end the fighting in Lebanon.

"What is requested today is not just another Arab meeting for the sake of talks, but an effective meeting which can act and take decisions that will guarantee a halt of the clashes and a solution to the crisis," the Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad said.

"What we need today before tomorrow is a measure that will stop the deterioration and end the tragedy which has gone for too long," Al Itihad said.

Al Bayan said the latest round of fighting, the worst in more than two years, could lead to a catastrophe.

"The crazy giant that has gone amok wreaking death and destruction without discrimination could lead to a catastrophe. If the Lebanese are not able to curb it, then the national duty requires urgent Arab action to save the Lebanese and their homeland," the paper said.

"It is a lost game among the Lebanese and the only winner is the Israeli audience. No matter what its reasons and conditions were, the continuation of the war for 14 years is unjustified."

The Gulf News, an English language daily published from Dubai urged the Lebanese parties to help a move towards a solution by showing flexibility, while the Khaleej Times, another Dubai-based English language daily warned the Arabs of an Israeli conspiracy to continue the fighting in Lebanon.

"Quite obviously a conspiracy is at work against the Arab interest in Lebanon and everyone knows who can benefit most by hurting them," it said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1493 — Pope Alexander VI publishes edict dividing New World between Spain and Portugal.
- 1540 — Treaty between Venice and Turkey is signed at Constantinople.
- 1595 — Sir John Norris is sent from England to Ireland to put down rebellion.
- 1598 — Treaty of Vervins between France's Henry IV and Spain's Philip II, in which Spain returns all conquests except Cambrai, and Philip resigns claim to crown of France, thus uniting France under single government.
- 1655 — English fleet leaves San Domingo, West Indies, and later captures Jamaica.
- 1706 — Britain, Holland and Holy Roman Empire declare war on France.
- 1799 — Tipoo of Mysore is killed at Seringapatam and his kingdom is divided between Britain and the Nizim of Hyderabad in India.
- 1814 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte goes into exile on island of Elba.
- 1843 — Natal in South Africa is proclaimed British colony.
- 1863 — New Maori uprising begins in New Zealand.
- 1939 — Japanese bombers inflict thousands of casualties in Chungking, China.
- 1959 — Soviet Union sends note to Japan urging end of US bases there and offers to guarantee Japan permanent neutrality.
- 1964 — Soviet Union sends statement to Asian and African nations demanding to be recognized as an Asian as well as European nation.
- 1967 — Lebanon's veteran Prime Minister Rashid Karami announces resignation, citing divided cabinet's failure to resolve worsening economic crisis.
- 1988 — Iraqi warplanes bomb Iranian oil refinery and petrochemical plant, increasing pressure on Iran's economic mainstay.

Longest uninterrupted tenure in 160 years of British politics

Margaret Thatcher: ready for another decade of power

MANY Britons barely remember life before Margaret Thatcher, and many more can't imagine what Britain will be like after she's gone.

In the decade since she came to power on May 4, 1979, something of a curiosity as Europe's first female prime minister, she has become, in her own words, an institution.

Having begun with uncertain prospects for survival, she now has had the longest uninterrupted tenure in 160 years of British politics.

She dominates national life more than any prime minister since Winston Churchill in World War II. She was asked once what she had changed.

"Everything," she replied.

So all-embracing is the free-market crusade called "Thatcherism" that even the name of her Conservative Party has become something of a misnomer.

Columnist Alan Watkins wrote in the liberal weekly Observer that conservatism means preserving the old, but "Mrs Thatcher has not only refused to put the clock back; she has put it forward, turning the hands furiously, so that bells chime unpredictably and clockwork jangles."

She has quelled the labour unions. She has sold off vast segments of the state-owned sector, turning traditional money-losers like steel into profitable enterprises and in the process building an army of new shareholders. She has shifted the entire political agenda rightward while achieving the international recognisability of a superpower leader.

To her admirers, the Iron Lady — a nickname given her by the Soviets — is a national saviour who ended Britain's postwar cycle of confrontation and decline.

"She has brought back the spirit of enterprise and she is trying to make everyone feel important again," said Valerie Thompson, head of London bond trading firm, Euromarket Trading Consultants.

To her detractors, she is an anti-union bull set free in a china shop, destroying revered institutions and instituting policies that have raised the number of people on welfare and kept inflation irritatingly high.

Now, after a third consecutive election victory in 1987, Thatcher is trying to carry the revolution into the heartland of the old Britain by shaking up the 40-year-old National Health Service, the tradition-cloaked legal profession and the education system.

It has been, says Hugo Young, her latest biographer, "an era in which an ordinary politician, labouring under many disadvantages, grew into an international figure who did some extraordinary things to her country."

It is a formidable legacy, and most analysts agree much of it will endure.

"There will never again be moribund nationalised industries," said Robert Worcester, head of Pollsters Market Opinion and Research International. "There will never again be trade union baronies, there will never again be the working-class rejection of middle-class values by the majority."

The May 1979 election followed a winter of strikes that left the dead buried and garbage piled in cities, and spelled the end of James Callaghan's Labour government.

Thatcher began with a prolonged spell of bitter medicine: high unemployment as loss-making heavy industries were pared, state spending curbs, then an onslaught against heavy-spending Labour-controlled local governments.

If miners and steelworkers were the Labour Party's heroes, small businessmen were Thatcher's, inspired by her father, in whose grocery she helped out while growing up in the north England town of Grantham.

Taxes were cut, currency controls abolished and an enlarged police force deployed to deal with strike pickets now illegal under her union-curbing laws.

By 1981 she was rated the most unpopular prime minister since opinion polls began. But the following year came victory in the 74-day Falklands

islands war against Argentina. Her popularity soared, and she was re-elected in 1983 with an increased majority.

It enabled her to carry on the revolution, and the fruits are beginning to appear in a higher growth rate, a budget surplus and a sustained consumer boom.

Male average earnings at £273 (\$466) a week have risen by nearly one-third in real terms since 1979. Two-thirds of Britons are homeowners, up from 50 per cent in 1979. Trade union membership, down by one-third, is equalled by the some nine million stockholders.

But official statistics indicate the number living on welfare has doubled to 9.4 million, or 17 per cent of the population. Inflation nags away at 7.9 per cent, forcing interest rates to stay high at 13 per cent. Unemployment is nearly seven per cent, higher than in the United States and Japan but lower than in France, Italy and West Germany.

While opinion polls indicate that Britons generally don't like Thatcher — a Gallup poll last July showed 54 per cent disliked her personally — but they respect her enough to re-elect her. Still, she is often accused of going too far.

"Change and reform have become ends in themselves," left-wing political scientist Ben Pimlott commented in the weekly New Statesman and Society.

"This is a government and, above all, a prime minister, that now believes it can break any convention, dispatch any sacred cow to the abattoir with absolute impunity."

Critics say Thatcher has stayed in power despite lack of majority support.

The most recent poll, a Harris survey in April for the Observer newspaper, showed Conservative support remaining about the same as the 42 per cent in the last election, with Labour improving to 39 per cent from 30 per cent in the 1987 balloting. Supporters of smaller opposition parties or uncommitted voters make up the rest of the sample.

The opposition parties have been divided by internal squabbling over issues, personal disputes and strategy on how best to unseat Thatcher. The left-of-centre vote has split twice since she first won power, helping her to huge majorities in the House of Commons on less than half the vote.

The division between the prosperous south and unemployment-stricken north also has widened in Thatcher's decade.

It's not all her fault. The north has always been poorer than the south. The Thatcher era happens to coincide with the decline of heavy industry, the north's traditional mainstay, and the south's closer proximity to the lucrative markets of continental Europe.

But although the state spends more on the north than the south, the predominant feeling among northerners is that Thatcher cares little for regions that are not natural Conservative constituencies. Thus, separatist nationalism is at its strongest in 10 years.

Thatcher has made the language of debate more combative and devious. She declares she wants to bury socialism in Britain, and some opponents adopt the trappings of East European dissidents. The latest anti-Thatcherite organisation call itself Charter 88, modelled on Czechoslovakia's dissident Charter 77.

Labour legislator Kim Howells acknowledges that when Thatcher came to power, "the left was largely bankrupt of ideas about what to do about British industry. It did not come to terms with the things Thatcher was talking about...in a sense we became the reactionaries."

Thatcher's policies have brought her into conflict with large parts of the establishment: Church of England bishops, the British Broadcasting Corp., the universities, even Queen Elizabeth II. The queen was said to be upset over discord in the Common-



Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

wealth, the association of former British colonies, at Thatcher's refusal to impose tough economic sanctions on South Africa.

The prime minister is also accused of being obsessed with official secrecy and too eager to use the courts to gag disclosures involving sensitive areas.

Thatcher is also widely accused of undermining free speech with such measures as banning broadcast interviews with the Irish Republican Army and its supporters, and revising the 78-year-old Official Secrets Act to make it even harder to report news that the government feels should be suppressed. Her government's protracted and ultimately

fruitless battle to keep the retired secret-service operative Peter Wright from publishing Spycatcher, his memoirs, fuelled charges she is obsessed with secrecy.

She argues the ban on broadcasts of IRA interviews is essential to fight terrorism and that the Wright case was meant to bind secret agents to their lifelong secrecy oaths.

But the results sometimes go palpably against the grain: an issue of Harper's magazine with an article by a former intelligence operative is banned in Britain; a BBC studio is raided by police over a documentary on a secret spy satellite. (AP)

We have been 'betrayed' charge Afghans

Diplomatic exodus of Kabul causes hardship to many

By Nassir Shirkhani

"THEY just left us to our fate," Faiz Mohammad said in a trembling voice from his post within the abandoned United States embassy in Kabul.

"I feel so bitter. My salary is a pittance and cannot feed my family of 10," said Mohammad, one of 121 Afghans who guard, clean, and tend the gardens of the sprawling US mission in the heart of Kabul.

His complaint is echoed by other local employees left behind when all Western countries and Japan left the Afghan capital, citing security fears, after the last Soviet troops departed on February 15.

The British locked up their impressive white mission, the oldest embassy in Kabul, built at the peak of British colonial power in the Indian subcontinent. A guard said no one had entered since February.

The Japanese left in such a hurry that the 23 local staff have not been paid for

two months.

Employees said Italy was one Western country looking after local staff properly.

Father Angelo Panigat, a priest with diplomatic status, said two diplomats had returned temporarily to assess the situation but the mission would stay closed pending a European Economic Community ruling whether embassies should reopen.

Prices have shot up in the three months since the diplomatic exodus and are still rising.

Few Afghans can afford to buy meat at 650 Afghanis (\$2.60) a kilogramme (2.2 lbs). On the booming black market, vegetable oil costs 400 Afghanis (\$1.60) a kilo and rice 250 (\$1).

Bread is cheap and subsidised but residents spend hours queuing for it.

Mohammad has worked for the US embassy for 45 years and his take-home salary of 9,000 Afghanis (\$35) a month

provides only a diet of bread and potatoes for his family.

"When they left, the American diplomats promised us a pay rise but it was only empty talk. They just cheated us and left," complained Zaman Ali, who has worked for the embassy for five years.

Paul Mathews, an Indian who is in charge of the US mission said diplomats left enough funds to pay salaries and run the embassy. He dismissed demands for more pay.

"Of course everybody wants more money, but I don't think it is necessary to offer them a pay rise," he said.

A Japanese journalist was besieged by employees when he was spotted near the Japanese embassy in the exclusive Vazir Akbar Khan district.

"Please pay us our salary, you can claim it back from the government when you go back to Tokyo," one implored.

"If I die, it will be from hunger and not a mujahideen bullet," shouted another.

The diplomatic exodus began in a blaze of publicity when Jon Glasman, US charge d'affaires, lowered the Stars and Stripes in January.

"The (Afghan) government is like a building without girders," he declared in front of television cameras.

"Most diplomats in Kabul say it could fall any time between now and July."

President Najibullah's government described the exodus as a political ploy to undermine its international standing and give a green light to Muslim mujahideen rebels battling his Soviet-backed administration.

Bloody

Mujahideen, predicting the Marxist government would collapse swiftly after the Soviet withdrawal, set up a provisional cabinet and began bidding for international recognition. But Najibullah has proved a formidable foe ready to fight to the bitter end.

Government forces have given the

mujahideen a bloody nose in their offensives in several border provinces and there is no sign Najibullah's administration will be defeated militarily.

Despite intermittent rocket attacks, the Afghan capital is remarkably calm. Government offices function and business goes on, hampered by food and fuel shortages caused by a rebel blockade of major roads.

The shortages and spiralling prices would provide a fertile ground for social unrest and looting in countries used to a better standard of living.

But the great majority of Afghans, a sturdy, resilient people, are inured to a diet of bread and vegetables.

Shortly before the Soviet troops bade farewell to Afghanistan Najibullah said: "I say it very clearly, yes we will survive. We have sufficient forces to defend the people's sovereignty."

"Kabul will hold out. There will never be any chance for the extremists to seize Kabul." (Reuters)

Spain preparing to play new role in Western defence

Ending the legacy of Franco

By Patrick Worsnip

SPAIN is preparing to play a new role in Western defence under pacts with NATO and the United States which, it hopes, will finally end a legacy of the late dictator general Francisco Franco.

Last week, the Spanish senate passed into law a fresh defence agreement with Washington which removes 72 US F16 fighter bombers from Torrejon Airbase outside Madrid, but allows the Americans to go on using three other bases in Spain.

At the same time, Spain last month started discussions with NATO authorities on six tasks it will carry out for the Western alliance despite not being fully integrated into NATO's military command.

Demand

Demonstrators still gather at Torrejon to demand an end to all foreign military involvement. The suburb's scruffy walls are daubed with slogans like "Bases out" and "War on NATO."

But government officials believe that deep-rooted anti-American sentiments are on the wane. "It's dying down. It's only a question of time," says Leopoldo Estampa, a senior defence ministry aide.

Politicians of the ruling Socialist Party blame the problem on a previous defence treaty that Franco concluded with the United States in 1953.

They say that pact, which also covered scientific and cultural ties, offended the proud and sensitive Spaniards by treating their country like a "banana republic."

When Spain voted in a 1986 referendum to stay in NATO, one condition was a reduction in the US military presence. So, under the new US-Spanish accord, the F16s, will move to Italy by 1991 and US troops in Spain will drop from 12,500 to 8,000.

Another condition was that Spain, like France, would stay outside NATO's integrated military structure. But, unlike France, Spain is discussing with the alliance specific tasks it can carry out to help.

These relate to: sea and air operations in the Eastern Atlantic, Western Mediterranean and Strait of Gibraltar, air defence, a role as a strategic "rear area" to receive reinforcements in a crisis, and defence of Spanish territory as a strategic rear area.

One reason sometimes advanced by Spanish officials for not fully integrating with NATO is that this could bring Spain under a regional command in the British colony of Gibraltar, which is claimed by Madrid.

NATO sources say, however, that the alliance would probably consider moving the command if it thought Spain would integrate as a result.

At any rate, Spanish politicians rule out such a move. "There would be immense pressure from public opinion for a referendum," says socialist senator Rafael Estrella. "No government could take such a decision."

Last November Spain did, however, join the Western European Union (WEU), which now groups nine of NATO's 14 European members and debates defence issues affecting what it calls the alliance's "European pillar."

In order to join the WEU, Spain managed to convince its partners that it accepted NATO's strategy of nuclear deterrence, despite not allowing nuclear weapons on Spanish soil.

Madrid has sought to keep its head down in the disputes currently racking the alliance over whether to modernise its short-range nuclear missiles or open negotiations with Moscow to reduce them.

"Spain is not going to give nuclear lessons to anybody," one defence

official said.

Remote from the East-West front lines, Spain sees as great a threat from possible instability in North Africa — from where the Moors invaded the Iberian peninsula in the 8th century — as from the Warsaw Pact.

Nevertheless, Spain's accession to NATO, the Weu and, in 1986, to the European Economic Community represents a big shift by a country that for centuries had felt isolated from the rest of Europe by the Pyrenees mountains.

Identity

Backing up its new European identity, Spain is modernising its armed forces, to make them more efficient and wipe out remaining nostalgia for Franco, who died in 1975 but whose statue still surveys Madrid from in front of the Public Works Ministry.

The largely conscript forces have been slimmed down by some 100,000 men to their current level of around 310,000, to make them more professional, a move is afoot to introduce a new three-year term of volunteer service.

A new law before parliament, latest of a series to reform the military, will seek to make promotion more dependent on merit and less on length of service.

The government is also buying new fighter planes and frigates. Despite this, Spain is one of several allies criticised by the United States for not spending enough on defence — between two and 2.5 per cent of gross national product in recent years where Washington would like a minimum three per cent.

Spanish officials retort that the figures do not take into account paramilitary forces, and that the country's big rise in gross national product has meant a substantial increase in real defence spending.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	254/0
ABBEY LFE	283/0	
ADT LTD	173.5	
ALD LYONS	432.0	
AMSTRAD	111/0	
ARGYLL GP	191.0	
ASDA GP	159/0	
BAA	376/0	
BTR	370.0	
BAT INDS	545/0	
BARCLAYS	440/0	
BASS	938/0	
BEAZER	198/0	
BEECHAMS	618/0	
BERISFORD	157/0	
BICC PLC	488/0	
BLUE ARW	94/0	
BLUE CIRC	531.0	
BUC GP	485/0	
BPB INDS	239/0	
BR COMM	205/4	
BR AEROSP	197/0	
BR GAS RG	577.0	
BR LAND	363.0	
B.P.	285/0	
B.P.FP	285/0	
BR STEEL	84/0	
BR TELCOM	258.0	
BURNHAM OL	598/0	
BURTON	208.0	
CABLEWIR	485/0	
CADURRY	354/0	
CALOR GRP	392/0	
CRITN COM	335/0	
COATS VTY	163/0	
COOKSON	315.0	
COURTAULD	326/0	
DALGETY	370/0	
DIXONS	141.0	
ENG CHINA	523/0	
ENTER OIL	540.0	
FKI BARCK	164.0	
FERRANTI	106.0	
FISONS	295/0	
GATEWAY	190.5	
GEN ACCID	933.0	
GEN ELEC	236/4	
GLAXO	377.0	
GRANADA	342/0	
GLOBE	171.5	
GLYNED	305/0	
GUARD RYL	202.0	
GUINNESS	386/0	
GUINNESS	458.0	
HARRISON C	191/0	
HARRISON C	180/0	
HILLSDOWN	698/0	
HILLSDOWN	264/0	
IMI	227.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	885/0	885/0
600 GROUP	125/0	125/0
A.AMER TS	435/0	435/0
A.B.ELECT	408/0	408/0
A.S.V.HLD	276/0	276/0
AAR KENT	108/0	109/0
AAH HLD	399/0	400/0
AARNSON	111/0	111/0
ADDITION	46/0	46/4
ADVEST	171/0	170/0
ALEX WRGN	190/0	191/0
ALLD COLL	139/0	139/0
ALLD IR B	321/0	321/0
ALLD LON	147/0	148/0
ALLD PART	73/0	73/0
ALLIANCE	99/0	99/0
AMBER DAY	51/4	52/0
AMEC	445/0	445/0
AMER TST	138/0	138/0
AMERIAN	495/0	494/0
AMR KILTC	350/0	349/0
AMULIA SC	390/0	390/0
ANGLIA TV	272/0	274/0
ANSBACHER	77/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	181/0	181/0
APV PLC	148/0	148/0
ASHLEY LA	101/0	100/0
AUS REE A	247/0	247/0
AUST REED	390/0	390/0
AUTO SECS	277/0	277/0
AVESCO	149/0	150/0
AVIS EUR	419/0	420/0
AVON RUBB	599/0	598/0
B.WEIRILL	242/0	241/0
BAILL JAP	533/0	533/0
BAILL SHI	56/0	56/0
BALRAD (4)	250/0	250/0
BANK IRE	304/0	303/0
BANKER IT	89/0	90/0
BARDON GP	174/0	173/0
BART DEV	201/0	200/0
BAYNES C	36/0	36/0
BBA GROUP	191/0	191/0
BEAR BRND	11/2	11/2
BEATTIE J	161/0	162/0
BELHAVEN	51/0	51/0
BELLWAY	245/0	245/0
BENROSE	236/0	235/0
BENLOX HD	67/0	67/0
BERKELEY	234/0	234/0
BHH GROUP	134/0	134/0
BK OF SCO	93/0	93/0
BLACK LE 2	11/4	11/2
BH GROUP	443/0	443/0
BHNETT + F	90/0	91/0
BOASE HAS	325/0	322/0
BODDINGTON	166/0	167/0
BODY SHOP	490/0	490/0
BOOTH HENR	473/0	473/0
BORTHWICK	41/0	42/0
BR ARROW	114/0	114/0

LONDON
(Gamma Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BR ASSETS	78/6	79/0
BR DREDDI	158/0	159/0
BR VITA	264/0	264/0
BRENT CNE	143/0	141/0
BRENT MCR	387/0	386/0
BRIDON	192/0	191/0
BRITANN SE	195/0	195/0
BRITANN SE	395/0	394/0
BRIXTON E	395/0	395/0
BRN & JAC	44/4	44/0
BROWN SHI	347/0	347/0
BRYANT GP	116/0	116/0
BSS INTL	77/0	77/0
BSR INTL	60/0	59/0
BULLGNS	146.0	146.0
BULLOUGH	185/0	184/0
BULMER HP	168/0	167/0
CAIRD GRP	428/0	425/0
CALENDONIA	376/0	375/0
CAMB ELEC	231/0	230/0
CAMPFORD E	272/0	272/0
CANNING V	271/0	271/0
CANNON ST	247/0	248/0
CAP-RADIO	741/0	742/0
CARLON EN	156/0	155/0
CATTLE HD	76/0	76/0
CAULDON	13/0	13/0
CENTL ITV	755/0	753/0
CHAM PHRR	227.0	225.0
CHARTERHA	23/4	23/4
CHAS CHUR	116.0	114.0
CHLORIDE	47/0	47/0
CHRISTIES	877/0	875/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0
CRYSTALAY	324/0	324/0
CLAY PROP	267/0	267/0
CHS PK NW	975/0	950/0
CNTRL SEC	64/0	64/0
CNTRY OIL	188/0	188/0
COALITE	407/0	407/0
COLOROLL	170/0	170/0
CONNELLS	215/0	218/0
COOPER F	160/0	160/0
COSTAIN	323/0	322/0
COURTS FR	190/0	190/0
COURT (T)	134/0	133/0
CRH	190/0	190/0
CRIDA INT	208/0	208/0
CRYSTALAY	147/0	148/0
CTRY PROP	267/0	267/0
DARES EST	33/0	32/6
DAVIS GPO	181/0	183/0
DAVY CORP	251/0	251/0
DAWSON GP	189/0	189/0
DELTA GRP	321/0	320/0
DEVENISH	300/0	300/0
DEWHIRST	43/4	44/0
DIPLOMA	248/0	247/0
DOBSON GP	98/0	97/4
DOUGLASS	74/0	75/0
DRAVY F	412/0	413/0
DRAVYON C	536/0	536/0
DRUG	444/0	441/0
DUNDEIN ST	327/0	327/0
DUNHILL	307/0	305/0
EAGLE INT	18.0	17.3
EDMUND HD	45/4	45/0
ELECTRA	271/4	271/0
ELECTROCM	205/0	205/0
ENAP	242/0	243/0
EMPIRE ST	179/0	179/0
ENG. INT. J	302/0	303/0
ETAM	169/0	170/0
EURO. HOME	235/0	235/0
EUROHERTH	323/0	322/0
EURLINT	826/0	826/0
EURLINT V	66/4	67/0
EVODE GRP	189/0	188/0
EX.CO. LOU	161/0	162/0
EXPANET	214/0	214/0
F&C ENTER	347/0	347/0
F&C EURO	295/0	295/0
F&C PACIF	170/0	170/0
F&C SELL	78/4	78/0
FARNELL E	165/0	165/0
FED. HOUSH	208/0	208/0
FENNER JH	177/4	177/0
FERGUSON	267/0	267/0
FINE ARTS	220/0	219/0
FINLAN GP	83/0	83/0
FITCHEL	107/0	107/0
FITCH LOV	260/0	260/0
FKS GROUP	315/0	315/0
FLM.H.NIC	109/4	110/0
FLMG AER	137/4	137/0
FLMG F&E	236/0	236/0
FLMG INV	183/0	183/0
GARDINER	60/0	61/0
GEEST	275/0	275/0
GEI INTL	126/0	127/0
GERMANY	275/0	275/0
GESTETTER	277/0	277/0
GOODE DUR	126/0	127/0
GPE	43/0	44/0
GRANPH HD	336/0	336/0
GREEN KMG	515/0	515/0
GREENWIL	309/0	309/0
GREYCOAT	474/0	472/0
GRUP TV A	70/0	70/0
GT PRITLD	367/0	368/0
GUINNESS	125/0	126/0
GUS ORD	625/0	600/0
GVT ORIE	382/0	383/0
GVT STRA	261/4	261/0
H*LD DIRA	235/0	234/0
HALMA	215/0	215/0
HAMBROS I	510/0	510/0
HAMBROSON	870/0	875/0
HAMTHL H	64/4	64/4
HAZELWOOD	256/0	255/0
HEATH(CE)	461/0	462/0
HELENE PL	33/0	33/0
HELICAL B	306/0	306/0

LONDON
(Delta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
HEPORTH	286/0	285/0
HETSTAIR U	235/0	234/0
HEYWOOD U	242/0	242/0
HICKSH HIL	367/0	367/0
HMBRO CTP	47/0	47/0
HMBRO CTP	229/0	230/0
HNTSR SPR	153/0	153/0
HOLMES PR	105/0	105/0
HODDER GP	156/0	156/0
HOPKINSON	80/0	80/0
HTV GROUP	115/0	116/0
ICE.FZ.FD	348/0	348/0
IMRY M.DV	439/0	440/0
INDOPLY M	15/0	15/0
INDO PLC	34/0	34/0
INT.BU.CH	149/0	149/0
INT.CITY	59/0	60/0
JHNSNFIR	55/4	56/0
JHNSNFIR	148/0	148/0
KALAMAZO	34/4	34/0
KALON GRP	38/0	38/0
KELT ENGY	56/0	56/0
KETSON	19/0	19/0
KLMRT CHR	143/4	143/0
KLMRT OHS	152/4	153/0
KLMRT SHL	182/0	182/0
KLMRT SVE	431/0	430/0
KMK-FIT	113/0	113/0
LAINO 'A'	351/0	351/0
LAINO ORD	350/0	351/0
LAINO PRP	513/0	513/0
LAINO PRP	275/0	275/0
LAURENCE V	152/0	152/0
LDN & MET	184/0	184/0
LDN ATLAN	310/0	310/0
LDN INTL	215/0	215/0
LDN UTD	70/0	69/0
LDN WEDIN	140/0	140/0
LEP GROUP	166/0	167/0
LEG SERV	376/0	376/0
LIFE SCIE	73/0	73/0
LILLEY FJ	66/4	67/0
LLOYD TNP	224/0	225/0
LOCAL LON	544/0	545/0
LOGICA	375/0	375/0
LOWELL HD	267/0	266/0
LOWELL HD	252/0	252/0
LOWBROWER	235/0	235/0
LOWBROWER	309/0	309/0
M.C.PACIF	227/0	227/0
MCCARTHY	259/0	257/0
MCCARTHY	217/0	216/0
MAL	88.0	87.0
MALDIE	244/0	244/0
MALDIE	165/0	165/0
MATTHEWS	68/0	68/0
MAUNDERS	113/0	114/0
MCCENCHIE	313/0	312/0
MCCENCHIE	250/0	250/0
MENZIES	342/0	340/0
MERCH. TST	178/4	178/0
METAL CLS	188/0	188/0
METALRAX	96/0	97/0
METER INT	436/0	436/0
MIDSWATER	235/0	235/0
ML NUGDS	123/0	122/0
ML CHLT	175/0	175/0
MOLINS OR	225/0	225/0
MOLINS IT	262/0	260/0
MOLINS CR	271/0	271/0
MOLINS CR	280/0	280/0
MOLINS CR	750/0	750/0
MOLINS CR	157/0	157/0
MOLINS CR	420/0	420/0
MOLINS CR	210/0	210/0
MOLINS CR	208/4	208/4
MOLINS CR	145/0	145/0
MOLINS CR	422/0	422/0
MOLINS CR	131.5	130.5
MOLINS CR	191/0	191/0
MOLINS CR	032/0	025/0
MOLINS CR	339/0	338/0
MOLINS CR	372/0	370/0
MOLINS CR	58/0	58/0
MOLINS CR	288/0	288/0
MOLINS CR	96/0	96/0
MOLINS CR	180/0	180/0
MOLINS CR	217/0	217/0
MOLINS CR	323/0	323/0
MOLINS CR	22/4	22/4
MOLINS CR	83/0	83/0
MOLINS CR	253/0	252/0
MOLINS CR	99/0	100/0
MOLINS CR	218/0	218/0
MOLINS CR	225/0	225/0
MOLINS CR	52/4	53/0
MOLINS CR	107/0	107/0
MOLINS CR	63/0	63/0
MOLINS CR	233/0	233/0
MOLINS CR	163/0	163/0
MOLINS CR	71/0	71/0
MOLINS CR	218/0	218/0
MOLINS CR	378/0	378/0
MOLINS CR	120/0	120/0
MOLINS CR	23/6	23/4
MOLINS CR	433/0	433/0
MOLINS CR	189/0	189/0
MOLINS CR	267/0	268/0
MOLINS CR	332/0	332/0
MOLINS CR	109.0	107.0
MOLINS CR	451/0	451/0
MOLINS CR	222/0	221/0
MOLINS CR	484/0	484/0
MOLINS CR	457/0	455/0
MOLINS CR	126/0	126/0
MOLINS CR	79/0	79/0
MOLINS CR	85/0	85/0
MOLINS CR	321/0	321/0

International Bond Highlights

Phoenix: Member of the Bankers' Association for Foreign Trade said important questions remain unanswered about the Third World debt plan proposed by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady but the problem's urgency gives them little choice but to try a fresh approach. (XLGJ 2226)

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDTA	102	100.50	102	MUK IRON	118	118	113
ACC	301.50	301	308	GNFC	38.75	40.50	40	NAT INDEK	401.77		391.87
ALCH CHEM	--	--	--	-- GRASIM	132	132	131	NAT OREG	--	--	--
ALUM NIS	--	--	--	-- GSFC	138.75	140	143.75	NIPPON	41	40	40
ART FAB	--	--	--	-- GUJ ALKL	70.50	69.50	71	NOCIL	870	865	860
ASHOK LYE	82	82	80	GUJ HEAVY	13	12	11	ORKAY	24	22.25	23.50
ASIA PAINT	202.50	201.25	206.25	HERO HINDA	28	27	26.50	OSWAL AGRO	77.50	75	75
ATLAS COP	46	46	46	HIND CIBA	1050	1040	1070	PEICO	25	25	24
AUTO CORP	83	81	83.50	HIND COCOA	108	107.50	107	PONDS	187.50	185	188.75
BAJAJ AUTO	427.50	422.50	423.75	HIND LEVER	83	81	82	PREM AUTO	58.50	57.50	58
BARON RAYON	465	465	462.50	HIND MOTOR	46.50	46	44.50	RANBAXY	116.25	112.50	115
BC BOND	148	147	149	HINDALCO	302.50	307.50	306.25	RAY WOOL	81	80	82
BLOOM LAST	--	--	--	-- HOCHST	860	850	870	RECKITT	190	185	190
BOM DYE	152	153.50	154.50	IIND ORG	39	38	37	RELIANCE	127	128	129
BSE INDEX	780.36		751.87	IIND RAYON	100	101	99	SESA GAO	47	45.50	46.50
BURR WEL	210	200	202.50	IINDROLL	315	315	323.75	SHRI FIB	82.50	80	81
CANSHARE	200	200	200	IINDROLL	--	330	330	SIEMENS	75	75	75
CEN ENKA	2755	2750	2750	ITC	95	95	94	SKF	2840	2870	2880
CEN SPG	1850	1835	1850	KM SYN	82	82	80	SPIC	57	56.50	61.25
COLGATE	335	336.25	337.50	KIN ENGE	180	182.50	180	ST HILLS	300	290	290
CROM GR	950	920	940	KIN PUMF	75	73.75	75	TATA CHEN	118	117.50	117
DHONI	13	11.50	12.50	KSC PUMPS	--	330	330	TATA DTL	67.50	66.25	66.50
DEEP FERT	28.50	28.50	28.50	LAH AND T	99	98.50	95.50	TATA POW	345	335	340
DUNLOP	92.50	87.50	90	LIPTON	79	77	78	TELCO	845	840	845
EI HOTELS	57	56	56.50	KAC RUSSEL	110	105	108.75	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	66	65	65	MAD COATS	99	97	99	TISCO	1412	1410	1405
ESKAYEFT	136.25	136.25	135	MARINDRA	104	103	102	VAM ORG	165	162	164
ESSAR SPG	24	24	24.50	MAS SHARE	19.50	19.50	19.15	VARELI	32.75	30	31.25
ODD SPL	202.50	201.25	198.75	HICO	635	620	625	VOLTAS	690	680	690
ORBES	47	45	47	MILKFOOD	--	225	235	WINDMO	26.50	25.50	27
PARY POLY	75	75	75	MDFI	110	110	110	ZENITH	67	65	66
PE SHIPPING	42	41.50	41.50	MRPL LTD	450	430	425	ZWARI AGRO	60	62.50	60

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR	CLSE
LEG	216.0	217.0
ZIGGIAN VR	1775.0	1765.0
ADENHERK	192.0	192.0
ASF	301.5	301.5
AYER	301.2	301.0
AYER HYP	39.95	39.90
AYER VER	383.0	381.0
BC	444.0	442.0
HF	466.0	469.5
HW	512.0	512.0
COMMERZBK	252.0	251.5
ONTT GUHM	266.5	266.5
KAISER BEN	665.0	658.5
ETHICS BNK	553.5	552.5
LW	549.0	544.0
RESORNER-D	325.95	326.0
SABCOCK	164.0	162.0
SAFEN	3521.0	3584.5
ELMUEHL	390.0	391.5
DOLDRICH	407.0	455.0
PERNER	350.2	300.0
DECHST AG	300.0	245.0
DORTEN	247.0	250.0
DR	250.0	250.0
RUSSEL HLD	575.5	560.0
SALZ	195.0	196.5
ARSTADT	5000	488.0
LOCKE W	1730	1680
LOCKE W	1710	1655
WDE	729.0	730.5
UFTHANSA	168.5	166.5
MANSMAN	289.0	285.0
CERCEDES	234.6	232.6
ETALLGES	518.0	517.0
XOFF PF	436.0	435.0
DORSK NYD	299.5	298.0
KYD	46.50	47.60
ROSK HYP	705.5	705.5
ROSCHE	691.5	690.0
REUSSAGE	268.2	266.0
UWA	298.5	298.5
HEINMETAL	431.0	429.0
ME	275.0	275.0
ME P	257.5	278.0
ALAMANDER	642.0	638.0
CHERING	643.5	634.0
EL	310.0	321.5
EMENS	532.5	531.0
HYSEN	238.6	236.0
TEBA	376.0	379.0
OLSKA	295.0	294.5
ELV	0	169.3
LOVSAGEN	337.5	337.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	
AMK EA	16.30	16.50
ATHAY	9.45	9.40
VENEDISH	412	417
JEVENK H	10.60	10.70
WMA L-P	14.70	14.70
RYRI FARM	7.05	7.15
VERGO IND	3.02	3.05
EAGLE	0	0
S INDEX	155.22	156.37
NEO	20	20
CHUNG LUNG	6.35	6.35
ANDERSON	6.70	6.60
BANK	6.25	6.30
ELEC	8.05	8.05
GAS	20.70	20.80
LAND	11.80	11.80
K TELECOM	5.35	5.40
S HOTEL	6.05	6.15
OPWELL	3.67	3.65
S BANK	25.10	25.30
UTCHINSON	11.70	11.50
SYNUS DEV	1.65	1.66
BAR MATH	23.50	23.40
SH	13.50	13.50
M BUS	900	0
AI SUN	171	170
ANDERSON O	0	0
RAMAR	9.00	9.05
WORLD	14.30	14.10
NEW Y CON	1.51	1.56
HL PROP	14.80	14.70
TELUX	3.15	3.20
WIRE A	21.90	21.50
AI CHEUNG	5.65	5.70
H-B	1.27	1.27
NW	11.70	11.70
INDOR	10.50	10.60
PRD-TNTL	5.10	5.10

WASHINGTON, May 3, — The European Economic Community and other farm-trade

Record
Following a disappointing harvest last year, Moscow is on the verge of breaking its record for purchases of US corn and wheat, set at 18.6 million tonnes in 1984-1985.

The White House's signals to

Favourable investment

LISBON, May 3, ^{AP} Europeans

Massive
Forty years of dictatorship created a protected business sec-

For now, he is blocked by the fact that the 1976 constitution forbids such action through Article 32.

to force a sharp increase in food prices. "I think it's going to have a very negligible impact," he said.

The Christian Science Monitor.

AMBIAN

	OPING	CLSG		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.82	1.86	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.41 2.41
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.94	1.94	JOR PAPER CARDBRQ	3.75 3.75
ARAB BANK	148.0	150.0	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.64 3.64
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.44	4.42	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	1.95 1.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79 1.79
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25 4.25
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.62	0.62	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12 1.12
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.00	1.01	JOR SELPHO CHEM	
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.45	0.43	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00 5.00
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.21	3.28	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91 0.91
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.99	1.00	JOR. PETROLEUM REF	
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45
BANK OF JORDAN	15.09	15.09	JOR. INV.FIN. CORP	2.30 2.30
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITMA	1.10	1.10	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.35 0.35
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN DAIRY	0.91 0.91
CATRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.22 1.22
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.94
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.45	0.46	JORDAN INSURANCE	3.12 3.12
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV	2.40	2.39	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.99 1.99
DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE	0.75	0.74	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40 1.43
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	JORDAN TANNING	2.05 2.05
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.60	4.40	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71 0.71
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.65	NACH/EOU/RENT/MAIN	0.78 0.78
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.23	MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17 1.17
GENERAL MINERALS	2.15	2.15	MIDDEL EAST INS	2.00 2.00
HAWAII INS.	1.44	1.44	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75 0.75
IND. /MATCH JEMCO	0.65	0.65	MAT.FIN. INVEST CO	1.90 1.90
INDSTRL DVLPT BNK	1.63	1.65	NATIONAL AERIALS	1.33 1.33
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.	1.61	1.60	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97 0.97
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88 0.88
INTERN./COMM/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL STEEL	2.85 2.85
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.25
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	1.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.55 2.55
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.82	0.85	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
J. JOR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10 1.10
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PRECAST CONCRETE	
JO TOBACCO/CEMENT	19.75	19.75	RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91 1.91
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.02	1.02	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.69 0.69
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	RENTAL ESTATE	1.02 1.02
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.48	SPINNING LEVING	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	THE HOUSING BANK	1.85 1.85
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00	UNITED INSURANCE	1.16 1.16
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEM.	2.97 3.00
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.45	2.38	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.65
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85 0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30 1.30

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL STOCK				LC-A	97.00	98.00	92.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.30	.31	.30
AC-A	19.25	19.50	19.25	LC-B	.30	.31	.31
ANS	3.20	3.25	3.25	PX-A	.33	.34	.33
PLO	31.50	32.00	31.50	PX-B	.33	.34	.34
GUDT	310.00	312.50	305.00				
KPST-A	3.60	3.70	3.60	OIL SECTOR			
KPST-B				BP-A	.015	.016	.016
SNC-A	218.00	219.00	218.00	BP-B	.016	.017	.016
SNC-B	300.00			LRC-A	.0032	.0034	
				LRC-B	.0034	.0036	
Mining				OPM-A	.046	.047	.045
APX-A	.021	.022	.021	OPM-B	.047	.048	.047
APX-B	.021	.023		OV-A	.046	.047	.044
AT-A	52.50	53.00	53.00	OV-B	.047	.048	.044

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION					
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES	
C/I	2,910,930	28,111,722.50	1,186.14	6.05	UP
MINING	125,723,730	11,102,715.00	5,562.99	1.63	DN
OIL	834,700,000	24,903,350.00	6.926	0.088	UP
TOTAL	963,334,660	64,117,787.50	1,004.46	6.01	UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	97.00		92.00		
SNC-A	218.00	219.00	219.00	BC-B		105.00	105.00		
SNC-B		305.00	300.00	LC-A	.29	.30	.30		
30-TIRE	43.00	44.50	44.00	LC-B	.31	.32	.31		
PLOT	310.00	312.50	300.00	ZIP	.012	.013	.012		
ANSCOR-A3.25	3.30	3.30	3.20	OIL SECTOR					
AC-A	19.00	19.25	19.25	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
GLO	31.00	31.50	31.50	BP-A	.015	.016	.016		
FER-A	2.16	2.18	2.10	BP-B	.016	.017	.016		
FER-B	2.30		2.30	LRC-A	.0032	.0036			
				LRC-B	.0034	.0036	.0034		
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.046	.047	.045		
APX-A	.021	.022	.022	OPM-B	.047	.048	.047		
APX-B	.021	.022	.022	OV-A	.045	.046	.044		
AT-A	52.50	53.00	52.00	OV-B	.046	.047	.044		
AT-B	53.00	53.50	53.00	TA	.022	.023	.023		

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION		VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	SHARES			
C/I	5,319,630	41,052,137.5	1187.85	UP 10.66
MINING	391,511,400	25,188,150	5173.63	DN 43.18
OILS	977,300,000	32,682,400	7.472	UP 0.094
TOTAL	1,374,131,030	98,922,687.5	1010.38	UP 6.03

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CR	G KENT	84	8	KEPPEL	434	43
ADEF B				G LUMBER	147	14	KUMP EMAS	120	11
ADEF B				G TOWN	147	10	M CONT	164	16
AJINOMOTO				G UH HUGES		10	M FEEDTIL	166	3
AMAL IND	117	20		GANDA HDG	42.5	42	M FLASS	306	31
AMAL PROP		31		GEN CORP	83	8	M GLOSS	290	28
AMCOL	182	18		GENTING	190	18	M HNS PRT	92	6
				GOLD COCH	198	19	M LTO IND	249	24
BERJAYA	133	13		GSI	137	13	M UTO MFG	126	12
BOULSTEAD	156	15		GUINNESS	382	37	M SHITA	126	12
CARLSBERG	550	56		GULA		28	M WATA	104	10
CEN	338	33		GUTHRIE	52.5	5	MAGNUM	295	29
CEREBOS	555	54		H L IND.	248	24	MALX IND	106	10
CHEN IND	310	31		HARTMAU	115	11	MCS BLDGS	104	10
CK TANG	466	45		HAW PAR	336	32	NINEBEA	12	12
COLD STOR	376	36		HEXZA	85.5	8	MULTIPURP	110	11
CS HDGS	49.5	48		IMO-PAC	159	15	MURATA	6	6
				IMNOVEST	114	11	MURATASO	675	68
DIXIE	520	52		INSAS	44.5	43	NATL IRON	201	20
DND BHD	155	15		INT WOOD		7	NOL LTO	201	18
DUTA CON	----			2 ISETAN	715	70	PILECON	115	10
DUTCHBARY				J SHIPYARD	625	59	ROTHMAN	74	73
ELEC MAGN	227	22		JACKS LTD	155	14	ROYE ELEC	79.5	77
ESSO ORD	366	35		JC JENT	110	10	S PRESS	705	68
FAC B C	33	32		JC-MPH	126	12	S PRESS	720	71
F.F. SHIP	376	36		JOHAN HDG	47.5	49	S SHANG N	197	19
F&N ORD	1010	100		K G HUGES	112	11	SAWAHDA	168	16
FEB CABLE	----			K KELLAS	22	22	SANYO	9	9
FEB FLOUR		52		KANUNTING	96.5	96	SEAL INC	123	12
FIMA BHD	320	31		KE SANG	109	10	SIA ZOO	1380	138
FUJITEC		65		KECK SENG	118	11	STEAM KAR	154	14

Singapore Stock Market Report

DOMINATED TRADING, BROKERS SAID.

RESULTS

	P.CLS	LT	MIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAC
BANK SECTOR						
-NATIONAL BANK	0.980	0.980	0.990	0.980	940000	4
-GULF BANK	0.380	0.375	0.380	0.375	463000	---
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.290	0.285	0.285	0.285	280000	---
-AHLI BANK	0.330	0.335	0.335	0.335	850000	---
-B.K.M.E	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.335	50000	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGHAN BANK	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.HOUSE	0.480	0.485	0.485	0.485	1060000	---
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KAT INV. CO.	0.095	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	100000	---
-CON.FACILITIES	0.420	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.043	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-NATIONAL INV.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	520000	---
-KUT PROJECTS.	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	880000	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KAT INSURANCE	0.590	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INS. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KAT R.EST. CO.	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.124	20000	---
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.056	---	---	---	---	---
-MAT R.EST. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-SAHIAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KAT R.E.T.CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.500	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT M.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---
-K.P.H.IND. CO.	0.176	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT. MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-K. SH. REP. CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRAMS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-KAT HOTELS CO.	0.000	0.136	0.136	0.136	150000	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.134	0.136	0.136	0.134	120000	---
-CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.081	0.082	0.082	0.080	120000	---
-MOBILE TELE.	0.285	0.290	0.295	0.285	1730000	---
-KUT COMPUTER	0.150	---	---	---	---	---

ARTICLE

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE		
BAER HDGS	0	11500	OE BUEHR I	0 1095
BALDISE PS	0	2540	OE BUEHR N	0 388
BBC I A	0	3470	OE BUEHR P	0 355
BK LEU I	0	2925	ROCHE BABY	0 16100
BK LEU N	0	2505	ROCHE I	0 67250
BK LEU PS	0	355	RUECKVER I	0 10500
CFV	0	1150	RUECKVER N	0 8125
CIB GEIG I	0	3475	RUECKVER P	0 1745
CIB GEIG M	0	2920	RY TR BK	0 1080
CIB GEIG P	0	2825	S BNKGS I	0 3210
CKM	0	1300	S BNKGS N	0 675
CRED SUI I	0	543	S BNKGS P	0 114,00
CRED SUI M	0	1700	S BNKVRN I	0 315
EG LAUFEN	0	2900	S BNKVRN N	0 280
ELEKTROMAT	0	4575	S BNKVRN P	0 281
ENS CHEM I	0	6125	SANDOZ I	0 11000
GLOBUS I	0	6200	SANDOZ N	0 9225
GLOBUS M	0	1080	SANDOZ PS	0 2020
GLOBUS PS	0	7150	SULZER I	0 5425
JACOBS S I	0	1390	SULZER PS	0 435
JACOBS S M	0	615	SVB	0 1790
JACOBS S P	0	2350	SWISSAIR	0 1025
JELN I	0	350	SWISSAIR N	0 940
JELN PS	0	1270	W THUR I	0 4675
LANDIS N	0	112,00	W THUR N	0 3785
LANDIS PS	0	760	ZURICH I	0 741
MERCK I	0		ZURICH N	0 4960
	0		ZURICH PS	0 4140
	0		ZURICH PS	0 2100

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-7/8 5/8	12-9/16 7/16	12-12-7/8
FFT	6.25/35	6.50/55	6.60/65
PAR	8-3/8 7/16	8-9/16 11/16	8-3/4 7/8
ZUR	6-3/8 6-5/8	6-3/4 7	6-3/4 7
BREX	5.10	8-1/16 1/8	8-1/4 5/16
ROM	12-1/8 12-1/2	11-1/2 12	12-1/8 12-5/8
AMS	6.87/00	7.05/15	7.15/25
TOK	4.4-3/2 6/32	4.20/32 22/32	4.26/32 28/32
ECU	8.25 8.50	8.37 8.50	8.68 8.81

Saudi riyal rates down

done, dealers said. Banks usually take more interbank deposit rates at 9-1/2 nine per cent.

Currency rates

Dm.	0.15365	0.15440
S. fr.	0.17235	0.17315
F. fr	0.04545	0.04570
lt. lira	0.0002100	0.0002130
Jap yen	0.0021650	0.0021750
Rh. dinar	0.77085	0.77415

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Bid to cut imports

Iran to invest \$1.8b in petrochemical plants

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 3. (AP): Iran will invest \$1.8 billion in its petrochemical industry over the next five years in order to cut imports and become a net exporter of petrochemical industry over the next five years in order to cut imports Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported yesterday.

Ahmad Rahgozar, head of the state-run National Petrochemical Co., said in an interview with the Oil Ministry monthly, Petrochem News, that "Iran's strategic goal is to export products other than oil," IRNA reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rahgozar as saying in the interview that Iran was keen to export petrochemical products because they multiply the value of a barrel of crude oil

tenfold.

"We hope to produce more than 20 petrochemical products once the large (petrochemical) projects come on stream during the future five-year plan," Rahgozar was quoted as saying.

The five-year plan began last March. Rebuilding oil and gas-related industries is one of the government's top priorities in its ambitious post-war reconstruction programme following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the 8-year Iran-Iraq war.

Needs

War damage to the plants forced Iran to spend more than \$2 billion a year on imports of petrochemical products, Rahgozar said.

He said that six of Iran's seven petro-

chemical plants were partially operational, and were being rebuilt in partnership with foreign firms, IRNA reported.

Once the damaged units are rebuilt, Iran will be self-sufficient in urea fertilizers, Rahgozar was quoted as saying.

Half of the country's needs for phosphate fertilizers would also be met by domestic production once the reconstruction is complete, he added.

Rahgozar said that Italian, German, Dutch, French, English and Japanese companies had shown interest in helping rebuild the plants.

But earlier this month Iran failed to persuade a Japanese consortium, headed by the giant Mitsui conglomerate, to complete the biggest Iranian petrochemical

complex in southern Iran.

Iran signed an agreement on a \$0.50 billion with five Japanese companies in 1971 for the construction of the giant complex at the port of Imam Khomeini in the southern Gulf.

Swelled

The original cost was estimated at \$358 million, but that swelled to \$4.5 billion by 1981.

Work was stopped in 1984, when it was 85 per cent completed, because of heavy damage to the plant caused by Iraqi air raids.

The Iranians insist that the consortium share the cost of the damage, but the Japanese companies maintain that Iran alone should absorb the additional costs.

Move to repair jet fighters

Iran seeks contracts

ANKARA, May 3. (Reuters): Iran, whose Air Force relies on US-designed planes, is looking for contracts to repair fighters for other countries, an Iranian defence source said yesterday.

"We can provide spares and repair given the right proposals. We can handle F-4s, F-5s and other US-designed aircraft," he said at an international arms fair which opened yesterday.

He would give no other details and did not say whether any country had approached Iran for jet repairs.

Iran was among nearly 30 countries, including Britain, China, Oman, Romania, Pakistan, South Africa and the United States, represented at the five-day International Defence Equipment and Avionics Exhibition in Ankara.

Tehran displayed its domestically-made Shahin (Hawk) and Oghab (Eagle) ground-to-ground missiles, used in its eight-year war with Iraq, aircraft components and remotely piloted

reconnaissance planes.

The Iranian sources said that the two reconnaissance drones on show, each some 12 feet (four metres) long, had an operating range of 240 km (150 miles) but gave no flying duration.

Iran also exhibited artillery shells, small calibre ammunition and radio equipment.

Iran's Air Force was equipped mainly with US-designed aircraft and helicopters before the 1979 Islamic revolution overthrew the Shah.

During the Gulf war, Iran gained valuable experience in servicing its jets and producing spare parts, sometimes by cannibalising other aircraft, after access to US suppliers was cut.

Exhibits

Iran's war for Iraq is now displaying its own military production expertise at an international show which opened last Friday in Baghdad. Iraq has on show more than 200 exhibits including missiles similar to those used to bombard Tehran before the Gulf

war ceasefire last August.

At the Ankara show, the South Africa stand, opposite the French and Iranian exhibits, is dominated by anti-riot weapons, a heavy field gun and a Rooikat armoured vehicle, based on the British Lynx.

"This is the first time we have exhibited in this part of the world since Greece in 1982," said Johan Adler, a senior official of the South African arms-maker Armscor.

Opportunities

"We like to use opportunities like these to show what we have."

South Africa, which frequently exhibits in Chile, started to make arms in a big way after an international embargo on sales to the country in 1977.

The Ankara exhibition, a mix of East and West but without the Soviet Union, was dominated by British, French and US firms seeking defence contracts to help Turkey, a member of the NATO alliance, modernise its armed forces.

WPP offers \$45 a share for Ogilvy

Madison Avenue gripped by merger wave

NEW YORK, May 3. (Reuters): The Madison Avenue advertising industry that has promoted many trends now seems to be a victim of one itself — mergers — following a \$724.5 million foreign bid for the giant Ogilvy Group.

Madison Avenue, a name synonymous with advertising, has already slimmed the number of agencies through a score of the sort of mergers and acquisitions fashionable in the wider business world.

Analysts said there may be few independent survivors from the current shakeout in a reputedly cut-throat industry.

Aiming to put together the world's second largest advertising agency — on the way to becoming the number one — Britain's WPP Group PLC is offering \$45 a share for Ogilvy and industry analysts said the British group has a strong chance of acquiring the American agency.

"Advertising is going the way of the big trend in many industries — toward globalisation," said an analyst at a New York brokerage house. "Look at Beecham, Time-Warner, Philip Morris buying Kraft — it's happening everywhere."

Ogilvy Group shares rocketed \$17.125, or 53 per cent, to \$49.125 on Monday after the offer by WPP. Wall Street experts said they expected WPP chief Martin Sorrell to go to around \$55 a share or \$880 million.

Offer

The unwelcome offer brought a blast from David Ogilvy, the 78-year-old founder, who said the offer "breaks my heart."

"I started that agency 40 years ago with nothing," he told the Wall Street Journal from his home at Chateau Touffou, France. "It's done rather well, and it's my baby, and I hate the idea of some young man taking it away from me — a young man who's never written an ad in his life."

WPP currently ranks number three in the world. Ogilvy, sixth largest in the United States, has big accounts with Ford and Unilever, among other big names.

Sorrell, who shook the advertising world by taking over the US-based J. Walter Thompson agency two years ago, has mounted a bid to rival his old employers Saatchi and Saatchi as the industry's leading image maker.

Iraqi minister in Paris to discuss trade ties

PARIS, May 3. (KUNA): Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Saddam Hammadi yesterday conferred with French President Francois Mitterrand and conveyed to him a message from President Saddam Hussein.

Wall informed Iraqi sources told KUNA that the meeting tackled bilateral ties, topped by financial issues and joint co-operation as well as developments in Lebanon.

However, the sources did not disclose contents of the message.

The Iraqi minister, who arrived here earlier yesterday in previously unannounced visit, is scheduled to meet with a number of top French officials.

Iraqi officials have complained towards the French stand on rescheduling the Iraqi debts to Paris which are estimated to be around \$4 billion.

The French investment guarantee authority, Coface, has refused to provide insurance for French companies, thus preventing them to bid on several mega-dollar after-war projects.

Iraq has insisted that it is capable of paying off the French debts in the course of the next three years, with oil prices and production maintaining the current levels.

French Foreign Trade Minister, Jean-Marie Ransac was in Baghdad in the beginning of the year to discuss measures to lift these hindrances before joint economic ventures, but he could not produce any results, French sources said.

Standardisation drive to help strengthen KLM's expansion plan

THE management of KLM has proposed to the KLM supervisory board and joint staff council that KLM's five DC 10 aircraft be replaced by five Boeing 747-400 aircraft.

In addition, it is proposed to order ten Boeing 737 aircraft to supplement and replace KLM's European fleet.

These orders will introduce a greater degree of standardisation in the KLM fleet.

The two orders involve expenditure of almost two billion Dutch guilders.

The Boeing 737 aircraft will be delivered in the period 1990-1992. Delivery of the Boeing 747-400 aircraft is planned in 1991 and 1992.

Ten Boeing 737 aircraft were ordered in 1985, as replacements for part of the DC 9 fleet. An extra six craft of this type were ordered in 1987/88 to offset the delays in the delivery of Fokker 100 aircraft. These sixteen aircraft will all be operational this year.

A more standardised European fleet of aircraft all of the same type but with variable seating capacity (107, 146 seats), and the resulting advantages in exploitation and flexibility will enable KLM to achieve an optimum state of readiness to meet the coming developments in Europe.

This choice will also meet the rising need for aircraft with greater seating capacity already being felt.

These measures will reduce the total number of aircraft types operated by KLM.

Standardisation also contributes toward solving the bottlenecks in KLM's expansion plans for the coming years caused, among other factors, by the consistently high level of growth.

Irrigation project

BAGHDAD, May 3. (Reuters): Iraq on Saturday inaugurated a \$240-million irrigation and power project on the River Euphrates.

Work on the new Hindiya barrage, 80 km (50 miles) south of Baghdad, started in October 1984, with China's State Construction Engineering Corporation the main contractor.

Rare opportunity for contacts

ADB opens annual meeting

Sign of new flexibility

Taiwan official meets banker

BEIJING, May 3. (Reuters): Taiwan's Finance Minister Shirley Kuo said she met a senior Chinese banker in Beijing yesterday but denied it was a sign of flexibility on banned contacts with the communist officials.

"I met with (Deputy Central Bank Governor) Qiu Qing for about 10 minutes," she told reporters. "She paid a courtesy call. We had a good talk," Kuo said, adding that they chatted mostly about health and the weather.

But Kuo, who arrived in Beijing on Monday, said: "Our sole mission here is to attend the Asian Development Bank meeting. This does not have anything to do with a flexible policy."

Both China and Taiwan are members of the Manila-based Asian Development Bank which begins its three-day annual meeting on Thursday.

Kuo heads Taiwan's delegation to this year's meeting of the international financial agency and Qiu is China's second most senior representative.

Contact

Taiwan's nationalist government bars official contact with the Chinese communists, whose troops defeated them and forced them to flee to the island in 1949.

The nationalists, who claim to rule all of China, have been forced to adopt a more flexible foreign policy to halt growing isolation as more of their allies recognise Beijing.

Western diplomats have said Taiwan's decision to attend the meeting in Beijing was a sign of new flexibility.

Kuo said she would in principle attend all activities sponsored by the bank but not those sponsored by China.

Taiwan held the China seat at the bank until 1986 when Beijing was admitted. The island was allowed to remain in the bank but under the name "Taipei, China."

The nationalists have said they were unhappy with the formula but not displeased enough to boycott the meeting that will be attended this year by some 2,000 bankers and government officials.

The United States and other

Western donors reportedly are seeking a greater role in the body, which now calls for the ADB to get 30 per cent of the shares and Japan 40 per cent.

The ADB, made up of 47 member nations and regions, last year approved a record \$3.15 billion in new loans for agricultural and other development projects, up 29 per cent from 1987.

Flexibility

Of that, loans from ordinary capital resources were up 39 per cent to \$2.06 billion, while interest-free loans from the concessional Asia development fund rose 13 per cent to \$1.08 billion.

The bank's annual report said the ADB needs to exercise greater flexibility in its programmes to help the poorest nations, with emphasis on programmes that will directly benefit the poor.

The board of governors also will discuss whether China and India, two of the ADB's largest recipient nations, should be entitled to the soft ADB loans.

The five biggest receivers of loans in 1988 were Pakistan with \$649 million, Indonesia with \$580 million, India with \$497 million, the Philippines with \$382 million and China with \$383 million.

The bank's private sector lending programme expanded to \$58 million for four projects last year, up from \$20 million in 1987.

No change in policy

Thatcher adviser returns to Downing Street

LONDON, May 3. (Reuters): One of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's most influential economic advisers, Sir Alan Walters, resumed duties at her office yesterday in a move seen as stiffening opposition to British membership of the European Monetary System (EMS).

Walters, 63, a full-time adviser to Thatcher from 1981 to '83, will divide time between the prime minister's office at 10 Downing Street and Washington, where he holds posts at the World Bank and Johns Hopkins University, government officials said.

Aides said the return of Walters marked a continuation and not a change in policy.

"He will now spend 50 per cent of his time here," one said. "He's back in the terms that he never left. During the time he's been in Washington, he's wandered in from time to time and maintained his connection."

Strategy

Walters, a leading proponent of monetarism, which Thatcher espouses, clashed publicly last year with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson over government strategy to fight inflation and is against Britain joining the EMS.

The return of Walters to Thatcher's small team of advisers comes only days after Lawson revived the row over financial strategy in an interview with the French newspaper Le Monde.

Lawson told Le Monde last week that it was only a question of time before Britain joined the eight-nation system of currency exchange rate management and that would "reinforce the stability of the pound and the fight against inflation."

But aides said yesterday that Thatcher had not changed her view that Britain will join the EMS when "the time is right" and has set no criteria for when that could be.

She told parliament: "It would take many, many economic policies, including fiscal policy, out of the hands of this House (of Commons), which is totally unacceptable."

Walters says the EMS has no advantages for Britain.

Thatcher's stance is at odds with Britain's partners in the European Economic Community, which are seeking a full European monetary union — including a central bank and a common currency which both Lawson and Thatcher oppose — to go with the creation of a single barrier-free market after 1992.

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Happy birthday



Sian Seery celebrates her sixth birthday on Friday, 5th May. Sian goes to the Gulf English School and is infant two, Orange. Happy birthday and best wishes Sian, from mummy, daddy and all the Arab Times staff.



Mayant Nanda celebrates his 1st birthday on May 5. Happy birthday and best wishes from mummy, daddy, friends and relatives.

Ha! Ha!

'Larry! Come here!' said his furious mother, putting the telephone down. 'I've just had a call from Mrs Harrison about your behaviour to her Doris at the school dance last night. You wretched, rude boy!'

'I was nice to her, Mum, really I was!' protested the youth. 'I even paid her a compliment when we had a dance.'

'Did you, indeed?' said his mother grimly. 'And what exactly did you say?'

'I said, "Gosh, Doris, you sweat less than any fat girl I've ever danced with!"'

The eldest of six boys had just passed his driving-test. His brothers gathered round enviously to congratulate him, to which he replied graciously, 'Thanks, boys. And I tell you what: now that I've got my own car, you can all move up one bike!'

The two little boys met while paddling in the sea at Brighton during their summer holidays.

'Cor!' said the first, 'your feet ain't all dirty!'

'Yes,' agreed the second, 'we didn't come 'ere last year!'

'Vincent, why have you got a sausage stuck behind your ear?'

'Eh? Oh, blimey — I must have eaten my pencil for lunch!'

At a restaurant which prided itself on its wide selection of dishes, a customer was inspecting the menu. 'You'll find, sir,' said the waiter proudly, 'that everything is on the menu. Absolutely everything!'

'Yes, so I see,' said the customer tartly, 'so take it away and bring me a clean one!'

'Have you got holes in your socks?'

'Certainly not.'

'Then how do you get your feet in?'

An Egyptian lady was speaking to a friend on the telephone.

'Come and spend the evening with me,' she said, 'and if I'm in the bath when you arrive — just Toot 'n' Come in.'

'Are you from a large family?'

'Yes, I'm the fourteenth of thirteen children.'

'Are you married?'

'Yes.'

'Children?'

'Three boys and six girls.'

'That's nine altogether.'

'No — one at a time.'

'My boyfriend,' said Miss Vanity, on her nineteenth birthday, 'says I have a skin like a peach?'

'Is that so?' said her insolent little brother.

'And who wants to look like a nineteen-year-old peach...?'

'What would you like for your birthday, Sis?'

'I'd like a dress to match the colour of my eyes.'

'Would you? Where am I going to get a bloodshot frock?'

Amazing facts

Pope Paul III decreed slavery for all Englishmen who supported Henry VIII.

In Haiti peasants wear printed Christian prayers on a string as a protection against evil.

Salt was once a very precious commodity, so much so that many people were paid their wages in salt — hence the word 'salary'.

The first atomic submarine Nautilus was launched in 1954.

The Sahara is as large as Europe and larger than the combined area of the next nine largest deserts in the world.

Dear Junior readers,

Eid, the first three days after Ramadan, is often accompanied by fireworks. Many of you spend a lot of your Eid money to watch to them burn dangerously in the area!

Fireworks that are found in small shops are extremely dangerous, they are cheap as they are not made properly. Try to avoid them completely. There are so many nice things that you could spend your money on (that is if

you long to spend it), for example you can buy colouring books and crayons, puzzles or magazines.

If you save your money, together with your pocket money, you will be able to buy a lovely toy, a novel or even a large box of chocolates!

If you must play with fireworks, make sure that an adult is around, nasty accidents could spoil your entire summer holidays. Be very careful.

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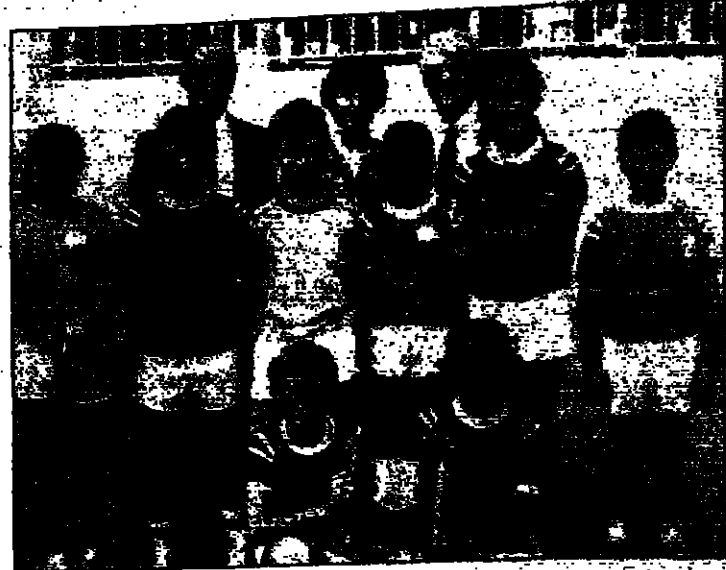
Kuwait English School



INFANTS:

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the school, the Infant Department held a birthday assembly for the occasion. They learned a specially written song about ten white candles on a birthday cake. While the song was being sung the candles were 'lit' by our school principal, Mrs Muhmood and 'blown out' by the infant headteacher. The children enjoyed the occasion very much, especially the party afterwards!

10 years on



Above-junior sports: house captains



The academic year 1988/1989 was the tenth anniversary of the Kuwait English School. The school celebrated this happy occasion by a number of events.

Right The Band played with accompanying singers and dancers at the school's 10th Anniversary Concert. The band has many gifted and budding musicians — all students are encouraged to participate in musical activities and currently many pupils are taking the GCSE Music Course and are also being presented for Associated Board (London) exams playing a variety of instruments including:

Brass: bassoon, trumpet, horn, trombone, cornet, tuba.

Woodwind: saxophone, clarinet, flute.

Guitar: both acoustic and electric drums, piano and organ.

The band was honoured to have been invited to play in the presence of the Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and Princess of Diana at the British embassy during their recent visit to Kuwait.

Below: senior concert

In February 1989, the Senior Department celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Kuwait English School with a 'musical extravaganza' appropriately named 'Ten Years On'. The production was directed by the school's head of formative arts Mr Oliver Lister — and many students and staff participated. All those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

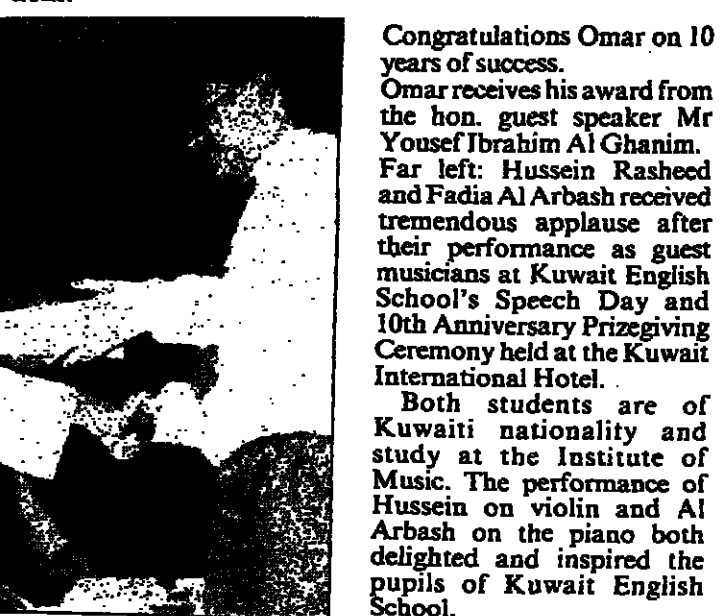


ON Wednesday 26 April 500 senior pupils, parents and guests attended a 10th Anniversary Celebratory Speech Day of the Kuwait English School at the Kuwait International Hotel to celebrate ten years of outstanding educational development and success.

Prizes were awarded to students with high academic attainment and who had also contributed to the quality of the school life.

During the course of the evening, the audience were addressed by Youssef Ibrahim Al Ghanim, the hon. guest speaker, the school chairman Mohammed Jassim Al Saddah, the headteacher of the Senior Department, Mrs Janet Carew, and the school principal Mrs Rhoda Muhmood. Mrs Muhmood remained pupils of the school motto 'The Aim Makes Great to Life' and the importance of enriching the quality of their lives.

Below right: This picture shows Omar Kaisy, who has been a student at Kuwait English School since its foundation in 1979. Omar has a fine record of success in many fields, is certain to be awarded top grades in the many subjects of his GCSE examinations.



Congratulations Omar on 10 years of success.

Omar receives his award from the hon. guest speaker Mr Youssef Ibrahim Al Ghanim. Far left: Hussein Rasheed and Fadia Al Arbash received tremendous applause after their performance as guest musicians at Kuwait English School's Speech Day and 10th Anniversary Prizegiving Ceremony held at the Kuwait International Hotel.

Both students are of Kuwaiti nationality and study at the Institute of Music. The performance of Hussein on violin and Al Arbash on the piano both delighted and inspired the pupils of Kuwait English School.

Word search TAKE A NUMBER

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What does Eid mean to you?



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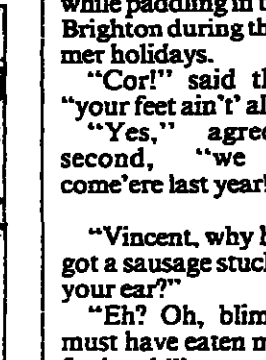
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EID is an Islamic festival celebrated all over the world by all Muslims. It is the first day after the holy month of Ramadan in which we can eat and break our fasting period. I enjoy Eid, because it feels wonderful to have successfully completed the 29 or 30 days of fasting, and to have submitted myself to the will of Allah.

Eid is also a festival of rejoicing. Everyone wears new clothes, new shoes, and all dress up their best. Even Eid presents are different. Instead of receiving toys, the tradition is, to give money, and we are usually treated out to visit friends and relatives.

WELL once again like every year we are anxiously listening to the radio and watching the television for the announcement of Eid Al Fitr.

Finally the announcement appears on the television and the result is that Eid is tomorrow. We all are very happy and begin shouting "Eid Mubarak!"

After all the hassle in the house we go to bed because we've got a lot to do tomorrow.

To me, Eid means happiness, an atmosphere of celebration, eating a lot of sweets and collecting a lot of money.

I AM looking forward to Eid because on Eid we get money and we buy things. First you wear nice clothes to go to the mosque. The Eid is very small. It is like when Christians have Christmas. We can have things for us to be happy about. On Eid you can play as much as you want. Everybody likes Eid because it is nice.

I will be visiting many people. Other people will also be visiting us and I think we are going to celebrate. I asked my friend Fady, and he said it's a tradition to celebrate this day because Muslims stop fasting.

Fasting in Ramadan is one of five pillars on which Islam has been built. I also asked another friend of mine called Adel and he said sometimes you get presents when people visit you or when you go to your grandfather's or uncle's house you get money. Thank you Fady and Adel.

Sometimes when people visit, my mother makes very tasty dishes, sweets and deserts.

Well I hope you enjoy your Eid very much.

Waqar

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Nicol named Footballer of the Year

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Steve Nicol, Liverpool's Scottish international utility player, was named Footballer of the Year yesterday by British soccer journalists.

Nicol has played right back, left back, in the centre of defence and in midfield this season as Liverpool have overcome a long list of injuries to make their customary challenge for League and Cup honours.

He won comfortably from England captain Bryan Robson, veteran goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who won 105th England cap against

Albania last Wednesday, and Norwich captain Michael Phelan.

Mark Hughes, Manchester United's Welsh international striker, was the choice of his fellow professionals as their player of year last month but failed to figure prominently in the Football Writers' Association (FWA) poll.

Nicol is the fourth Liverpool player to win the FWA award in the past six years, following Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and last year's winner John Barnes. Dalglish, the current Liverpool manager, won twice.

Luton rout Charlton

United edge Wimbledon

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Luton jumped ahead of Charlton in the relegation zone of English soccer's First Division when they defeated their visiting fellow-strugglers 5-2 yesterday.

Luton climbed two points above Charlton and out of the bottom three at the expense of their rivals from London, who were destroyed by the aerial menace of centre-forward Mick Harford.

Harford set up the first of two first-half goals for Irish international Danny Wilson and headed in Luton's fourth on the stroke of half-time.

Charlton defender Colin Walsh, starting his first game since he broke his leg last August, helped Luton's cause with an own goal between Wilson's two strikes.

Charlton substitute Alan

Jones netted twice in the second half, his goals interspersed by one from Luton's Roy Wegerle.

First half goals by Rod Wallace and Paul Rideout virtually ensured Southampton's First Division survival with a 2-1 win at Aston Villa which plunged Villa back into the danger zone.

Former Villa striker Rideout, bought by Southampton from Italian club Bari, set up the first for Wallace in just 48 seconds and nodded home the second in the 25th minute. Stuart Gray pulled one back for Villa near the end but it was too late.

Three points separate Villa in 14th place from Charlton.

Manchester United drew their smallest home League crowd — 23,368 — since August 1971 and were subjected to jeers and boos before Brian McClair gave them victory over Wimbledon in the

dying seconds with the only goal of the match.

In Scotland, newly-crowned Premier Division champions Rangers beat Dundee United 2-0, manager Graeme Souness making his first appearance on the pitch since last December as a substitute 15 minutes from the end.

In the other matches played yesterday, Darlington beat Cambridge 3-1 while Mansfield and Swansea played to a 0-0 draw.

It was also decided yesterday that Sheffield Wednesday will play West Ham at Hillsborough next Tuesday in the first match to be played at the ground since the English F.A. Cup semifinal disaster.

The stadium has been closed since April 15 when 95 people died at the tie between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.



The bowlers who took part in the event with the Malaysian ambassador (standing 8th from right).

Berndt decides to quit swimming

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 3, (Reuters): Former East German world record-holder Jens-Peter Berndt, who defected to the West four years ago, has decided to retire from top-class swimming.

The 25-year-old former 400 metres individual medley world record-holder, who swam for West Germany at last year's Seoul Olympics, was quitting because of a nagging shoulder injury. West German coach Manfred Thiesmann said yesterday.

"But it was also a matter of course that Jens-Peter would retire soon after the Seoul Olympics," Thiesmann said.

Komaruddin takes overall title

Choong and Luz win individual awards

KOMARUDDIN beat Sani Baker by nine pins to win the overall title at the Malaysian Embassy Sports and Recreation Club's 7th Annual Bowling League Competition at the 300 Club Bowling Centre earlier this week.

The match went into a one-game playoff after both the players had tied with a total score of 2,576 pinfalls after a 15-game series.

Hares Lisot was third with 2,563 pinfalls. A number of new and promising bowlers emerged from the Malaysian expatriate

community during the 1989/90 League.

The ladies event (with handicap) was won by Mrs Raja Raziah while Mrs Rosnah was second and Mrs Fauziah was third.

The team championship was won by the Shintaro squad based on Mohammed Daud, Razali, Puan Rogayah and Rosnah. The Grasshoppers were second while Poison took third position. The Malaysian Ambassador to Kuwait Zainal Abedin was a member of the Grasshoppers team.

The Piala Duata Trophy, awarded to the team with the highest number of pinfalls, was taken by Skyfire.

Vic Choong emerged as the champion in the men's division after a High Game of 256 and a High Series score of 639. In the ladies division Luz Mesenas triumphed with a High Game of 207 and a High Series total of 543.

The Malaysian ambassador awarded the team trophies while the ambassador's wife, Puan Zainal, gave away the individual prizes.

Mets score easy victory over Braves

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Bob Ojeda pitched a five-hitter through eight innings for his first victory since nearly severing his left middle finger last September as the New York Mets beat the struggling Atlanta Braves 7-1 last night.

It was the eighth victory in nine games for the Mets and the eighth loss in a row for the Braves.

Ojeda, 1-3, almost severed the upper portion of the finger on his pitching hand with an electric hedgeclipper last Sept. 21. He got off to a rough start this season and had a 6.38 ERA entering the game.

Ojeda, who also had two singles, fanned two and walked one. He lost his shutout in the eighth on Lonnie Smith's RBI double. Don Aase pitched the ninth.

Darryl Strawberry had a two-run homer for New York.

Astros 12, Phillies 4

Glenn Davis hit a two-run homer and an RBI single, and Kevin Bass was 4-for-5 and scored two runs for the Astros. Bill Doran had three hits and three RBIs in Houston's biggest offensive of the season.

The loss was the Phillies' sixth in their last eight games. Houston had 17 hits.

Mike Schmidt hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the Phillies and also had an RBI single.

Expos 6, Reds 4

Otis Nixon's two-out RBI single in the eighth inning broke a 3-3 tie. Spike Owen doubled just inside the first base bag off reliever Kent Tekulve, 0-1, to start the decisive rally. Nixon then singled to right and came all the way home on Tim Lincecum's single.

Raines went to second on the throw home and came in on Tom Foley's single, making it 6-3.

Results

American League		
Kansas City	5	New York 3
Baltimore	4	California 5
Oakland	8	Toronto 3
Boston	4	Minnesota 2
Chicago	6	Milwaukee 1
Cleveland	8	Texas 3
Seattle	7	Detroit 2
National League		
Montreal	6	Cincinnati 4
Houston	12	Philadelphia 4
New York	7	Atlanta 1
Los Angeles	7	Pittsburgh 0
San Diego	7	St. Louis 1
San Francisco	4	Chicago 0

Cowboys fire last person of original management team

DALLAS, May 3, (Reuters): Dallas Cowboys new owner Jerry Jones yesterday completed his purge of the old-guard management by firing Gil Brandt, who had helped coach Tom Landry build the club that became known as "America's Team."

Brandt, the vice-president of personnel development, had been with the Cowboys since they were founded in 1961.

Jones, who bought the Cowboys for a sum reported to be about \$180 million, fired Landry and replaced him with University of Miami football coach Jimmy Jones.

Platini ready to stay in charge of French team

PARIS, May 3, (Reuters): Michel Platini said in an interview that he was ready to stay in charge of the French national soccer team despite their virtual elimination from next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

But Platini, whose team's chances all but disappeared in a disappointing 0-0 draw with Yugoslavia in Paris on Saturday, told the sports daily L'Equipe he would extend his contract only if fundamental reforms to French soccer were introduced.

Platini's demands seem likely to be accepted by the French Football Federation. President Jean Fournet-Fayard said he wanted the former midfielder to remain in charge and would offer him a wider role while extending his contract from the end of this year until 1992.

He said he was also prepared to work towards Platini's proposed reforms which include fewer matches for top-flight players and better organisation for forming young players.

"The whole problem comes from the number of matches," Platini said. "There are too many, far too many. In France we play Tuesday then Friday, Wednesday then Saturday. It never stops. We even allow ourselves the luxury of home and away legs in the Cup. It's crazy."

Pistons end Celtics' playoff season

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): The Detroit Pistons outscored Boston 27-8 in the last 9:17 and behind Vinnie Johnson's 25 points, completed a 3-0 sweep with a 100-85 victory last night that ended the Celtics' shortest playoff season in 33 years.

Detroit held Boston under 100 points for the third straight game and limited the Celtics to 30 points after they led 55-51 at half-time. They had just 12 in the fourth quarter after leading 73-71 entering the period.

Joe Dumars added 24 points for Detroit, while Kevin McHale had 17 and Brian Shaw 15 for Boston. Larry Bird, who played just the first six games this season because of heel surgery, didn't appear after pregame speculation that he might play.

In other NBA games yesterday, New York defeated Philadelphia 116-115 in overtime, Milwaukee beat Atlanta 117-113 in overtime, Phoenix beat Denver 130-121 and Golden State defeated Utah 120-106.

Knicks 116, 76ers 115

Gerald Wilkins' 18-foot jumper with six seconds left in overtime gave the New York Knicks a 116-115 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers and a sweep of their first-round NBA playoff series.

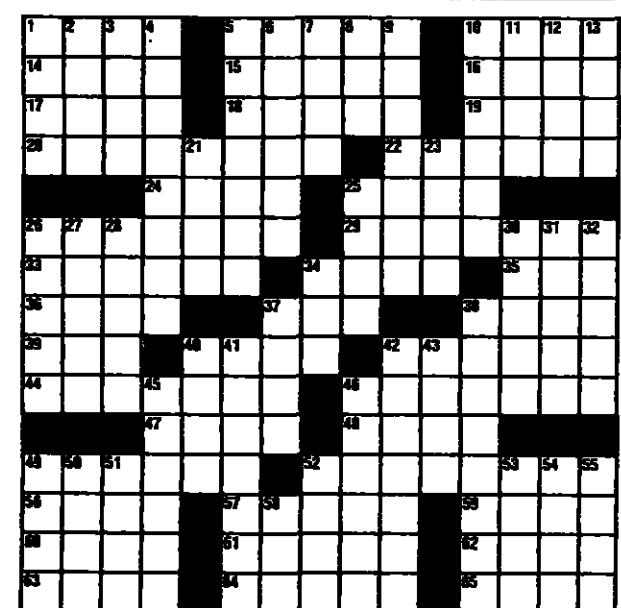
The Knicks, who won the first two games of the best-of-5 series in New York, meet the winner of the Chicago Bulls-Cleveland Cavaliers series. The Bulls and Cavs are tied 1-1.

The Knicks trailed 115-114 with 12 seconds to go when Charles Oakley threw the ball inbounds to Wilkins, who took several dribbles, pulled up and scored over the Sixers' Maurice Cheeks for his 22nd point of the game.

Charles Barkley, who led Philadelphia with 29 points, got one more shot for the Sixers, but the ball clanged off the rim as time ran out.

Mark Jackson led the Knicks with 24 points, including three from 3-point range.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Fit
 - In the know
 - Kind of monster
 - Sob's sister
 - Fraternal brother
 - Sin site
 - White precursor
 - Levered
 - Took leave
 - Intervened
 - Part of the Asian skyline
 - Biblical weed
 - Pool growth
 - Stopped unexpectedly
 - Fund-raising venture
 - Cooperatives in the USSR
 - Georgetown athlete
 - Compete
 - Pie crust ingredient
 - USSR plane
 - Tailless cat
 - Shriver shot
 - Prep. school type
 - Spirited movement
 - Incomplete
 - Believed
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♥ 7 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ A K Q J 10 6

WEST EAST
♠ K J 10 6 2 ♠ A Q 7
♥ Void ♥ Q 9 8 3
♦ Q J 9 7 ♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ 9 8 4 2 ♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 4
♥ A K J 10 6 5 2
♦ 3
♣ 7 3

The bidding:

South West North East
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

In duplicate, this hand would have presented no problem. You would simply go with the odds and go down with the field. At rubber bridge, however, there is a sure-trick line, and you should adopt it.

At this vulnerability, it could have been suicidal for West to contest the auction, but had he ventured a three-spade overall he would have landed in a four-spade contract that could be defeated only in the unlikely event of the lead of the

ace of diamonds and diamond continuation. And East had neither the strength nor the shape to interfere over four hearts.

West led the queen of diamonds, taken by the ace. Since with nine trumps in the combined hands the odds favor the drop, declarer led a heart to the king. When West showed out, there was no way to recover.

With no losers in the minor suits, declarer can afford to lose two spade tricks and a trump. However, he cannot afford to surrender the third round of trumps because the defenders would then be able to cash three spade tricks—declarer needs a trump in dummy to protect his flank from attack.

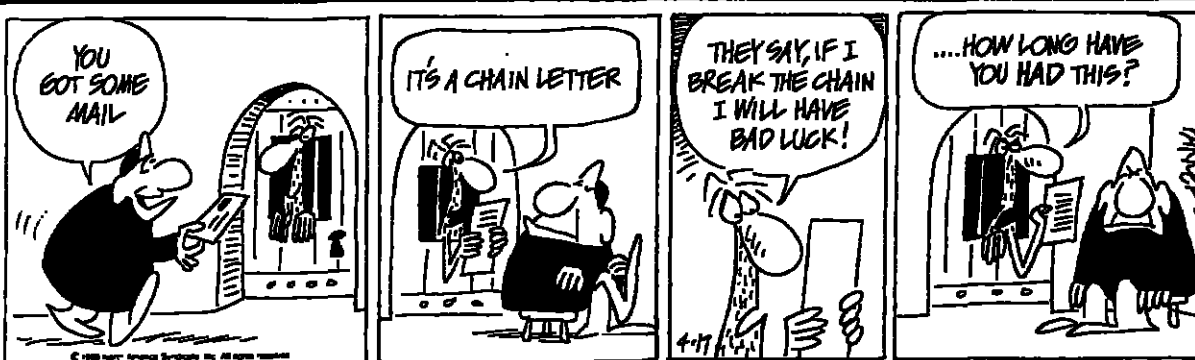
Therefore, the correct play at the second trick is to lead a trump from the table and finesse! If that loses to West, the defenders can do no better than cash two spade tricks. Eventually, declarer will come to hand with a diamond ruff, draw trumps and take as many discards as he needs on clubs. When West shows out on the trump, declarer simply gets back to the board with a club and repeats the trump finesse, and as a result he will collect all 13 tricks—a just result for a farsighted play.



"I'm not gonna take any coffee breaks this week so I can have Friday off."

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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>Today you will have plenty to do and there is no time to linger. There will be some tensions but you will know how to deal with them. Do not try to do things by bluff. Be frank.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should be learning will prove to be more difficult than you have expected. However do persevere and you will succeed. Avoid dwelling too much on the past and what might have been. Be a little more tolerant.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>You should be quick but not so quick that you have no time to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Try to avoid getting into an argument. Have just a little more faith in yourself. Be responsive.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will have to work hard, but you will have the satisfaction of seeing good results. You should not allow yourself to be intimidated. Try to use just a little bit more discretion. Be consistent.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>Mars' better influence will help you to get a lot done. Make sure you do not let anyone down. You should try to take good care of your health; just a bit more exercise. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will not feel quite so sure of yourself and should try to avoid doing anything too unusual. You should not expect others to do just what you would like them to do.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>A certain amount of earlier confusion will quickly sort itself out. You should not be too quick to trust someone you do not know very well. Avoid saying one thing and then doing another. Be loyal.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Make sure you know where you are going, and turn back if you are heading in the wrong direction before it is too late. Make sure you get enough rest as well as enough exercise.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will be able to obtain some good results but you must not hesitate. You have good reason to hold your head high. If you expect something for nothing you will not get it. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will be tempted to eat more sweet things than you know you should. Make sure you can meet your existing commitments before you take on any new ones. Your lucky numbers are 50 and 19.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You must be prepared to face up to the consequences of your actions. You will receive some news which will not be quite as good as you had expected, but good nonetheless.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You must do your best not to lose your temper and should keep your wits about you. A chore which you do not like doing must not be altogether ignored. Work hard but do not allow work to become all possessing. Be more flexible.</p>

Mansell: sole Ferrari threat to McLaren

MONACO, May 3. (Reuters) Nigel Mansell will once again show his trust in fellow-Briton John Barnard's ability as a designer on Thursday when he steps into the sole Ferrari entered for the Monaco Grand Prix motor race.

Mansell showed great courage on April 23 when he raced in the restarted San Marino Grand Prix following team-mate Gerhard Berger's blazing crash, for which the Ferrari engineers have yet to announce a known cause.

He will need to repeat that courage and produce another of his typically determined and skilful drives on Sunday if he is to prevent another McLaren win for either Alain Prost or Ayrton Senna.

The Frenchman and the Brazilian world champion have won the last five Monaco Grand Prix between them — Prost four, Senna one — and their dominating victory at Imola suggested they have the ability to extend that sequence.

Guessing which of the two brilliant drivers, who finished a lap ahead of the rest last time out, will win is a more difficult task.

Prost has proved to be a master of the 3.328-kms circuit with his four wins in five years, but Senna will be determined to erase the memory of last year's race when he made an error approaching the tunnel and retired.

Senna, who convincingly won last month's San Marino Grand Prix, will also want to replace his team-mate at the top of the World Drivers' Championship. "It is not sport. It is very spectacular and very dangerous. But it is not sport," he said. "There are too many cars and there is no room to pass."

But that has not hampered him in the past and is unlikely to interfere this weekend as he drives his Honda-powered car round the most glamorous streets, casinos, hotels and yachts in the world.

W. Indies set to win 4th Test

Rain comes to India's aid at Kingston match



Bishop: four wickets

KINGSTON, May 3. (Reuters) A heavy downpour that started at tea foiled West Indies bid to win the fourth and final cricket Test against India yesterday.

West Indies needed 58 runs to clinch the match on the fourth day after their pace attack skittled out India for a mere 158. They were only 27 runs short of their target when the players trooped off with Gordon Greenidge caught from behind off Kapil Dev for 12.

An hour after play should have resumed the rain was still falling heavily and there were huge pools on the Sabina Park ground.

The rain had threatened to come to India's aid earlier in the day. A light drizzle before lunch sent the players off for 12 minutes.

If play is possible today, Desmond Haynes, undefeated on 17, and the other batsmen should wrap up the match fairly quickly. Haynes had indicated an intention to beat the rain, playing with aggression and hitting three fours.

India's demise began after an hour's play when West Indies captain Viv Richards replaced Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose, who had sent down 10 overs between them.

Courtney Walsh and Ian Bishop took four wickets each to

bundle out the visitors.

Walsh took four for 39 to finish, with 10 wickets in the match after claiming six for 62 in the first innings.

The Jamaican provided the initial breakthrough in the morning after India, 32 for two overnight, had got through the first hour without losing a wicket. They lost their last eight in only 2-1/2 hours.

Sanjay Manjrekar went to Walsh's sixth delivery of the day when he cut a long hop straight to Haynes in the gully. Manjrekar made 41 from 63 balls and hit six fours.

Three balls later Arun Lal received an unplayable delivery from Bishop. It flew off the bat handle to Greenidge at first slip. Lal, who made 26 in 105 minutes, had a top score of 30 in nine innings in the series. His partnership with Manjrekar was worth 74 in 21 overs.

Mohammed Azharuddin and Dilip Vengsarkar both played on to Walsh and Bishop respectively, guilty of poor shots to leave India 100 for six at lunch.

Kiran More was caught behind almost immediately after the break of Walsh, while Kapil received another brutish delivery from Bishop which flew off the shoulder of the bat to Richards at first slip.

Chetan Sharma and Arshad

Ayub stayed together in a defiant ninth wicket stand of 37 in 49 minutes. It ended when Ayub, going for a second, was sent back and run out by Bishop's powerful and accurate throw from deep backward square.

Marshall finished off the innings when he demolished Sharma's off and middle stumps.

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 288 (N. Sidhu 116, Walsh six for 62)

WEST INDIES first innings 384 (R. Richardson 156, V. Richards 110, Kapil Dev six for 84)

INDIA second innings (over night 32 for two)

A. Lal c Greenidge b Bishop 26

N. Sidhu c Greenidge b Walsh 41

R. Shastri lbw b Bishop 0

S. Manjrekar c Haynes b Walsh 41

D. Vengsarkar b Bishop 8

M. Azharuddin b Walsh 13

Kapil Dev c Richards b Bishop 13

K. More c Dujon b Walsh 2

A. Ayub run out 14

C. Sharma b Marshall 21

M. Venkatramana not out 0

Extras (b-1 lb-2 nb-11) 14

Total (all out) 152

Fall of wickets: 1-0-2-1 3-75 4-75 5-86 6-107 7-113 8-150

Bowling: Bishop 17-3-61-4, Walsh 17-7-39-4, Marshall 7-3-0-29-1, Ambrose 7-0-20-0

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Greenidge c More b Kapil Dev 12

D. Haynes not out 17

Extras (lb-1 nb-1) 2

Total (for one wicket) 31

Fall of wicket: 1-31

Bowling to date: Kapil Dev 3-0-14-1, Sharma 2-0-16-0



Gary Lubin giving his testimony to the inquiry team. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Pink pills' cost Johnson Seoul Olympics gold

TORONTO, May 3. (Reuters) A Canadian Olympic official recalled yesterday how he visited Ben Johnson in his hotel room in the early hours of September 27 last year to take away his gold medal.

His coach Charlie Francis was there, visibly upset, she told a Canadian inquiry into the use of drugs in sport. Johnson's mother and sister were also present along with his doctor, George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan, and wife.

Carol Anne Letheren, head of the Canadian mission, told Johnson she would have to expel him from the team and return his gold medal to the Olympic committee.

Over the next hour of discussions, Johnson said nothing. Then Letheren heard a pained Astaphan ask Johnson, "Ben, did you take the pink pills?"

Johnson did not reply. The pink pills, the inquiry has often heard, were Winstrol V, a veterinary drug containing the steroid stanozolol.

It has been established that Astaphan, who also treated many of the athletes under Francis, bought thousands of Winstrol V pills and other steroids from manufacturers.

Stanozolol was found in "grave" quantities in Johnson's urine tests at the Seoul Olympics. Johnson's record 100-metre sprint was annulled and he left South Korea in disgrace.

Letheren testified that the Canadian delegation fought for Johnson all the way, accepting assurances by him and Francis that he was a clean athlete, and produced evidence suggesting sabotage by a third party.

She said the day after the first test and before the release of second, Canadian officials interviewed many people and established a "reasonable doubt" that the test had been conducted in regulation conditions.

But the medical commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) insisted the tests showed Johnson's adrenal gland was suppressed, suggesting long-term use of stanozolol.

Although they deliberated for just over two hours, the commission refused to pursue the sabotage theory further.

"With the IOC, you're guilty until proven innocent," Letheren said.

A former track and field coach told the inquiry that after Johnson's record 100-metre sprint in 1987 at the Rome World Championships, Astaphan disclosed Johnson's steroid use.

Gary Lubin, a former colleague of Francis, said that over a meal in a Toronto restaurant, he and Astaphan discussed Johnson's world-record run which they had seen on television.

1990 Games organisers trying hard to avert boycott

LONDON, May 3. (AP) Organisers of the 1990 Commonwealth Games have been working overtime to avert any possible boycott of the international sports festival by persuading the invited nations to keep on track.

David Johnson, chairman of the XIVth Commonwealth Games, says constant contact is being made "over sensitive issues" with all 52 nations expected to attend the Games Jan 24-Feb 2 in Auckland, particularly African states.

African nations led a walkout of 32 of the 58 nations at the last Commonwealth Games, in Edinburgh in 1986, over British refusal to impose economic sanctions against South Africa for its apartheid policies.

Johnson said he was hopeful not a single nation will boycott the 1990 Commonwealth Games. He said organisers had made "vigorous efforts to minimise the potential for a boycott."

He characterised relationships with the various nations as "excellent."

But despite Johnson's optimism, organisers of the upcoming Games have already experienced the first ripples of a potential boycott eight months before the event.

Johnson acknowledged yesterday that a decision by the Scottish Rugby Union to allow individual players to accept invitations to play in South Africa had jeopardised one of the world's largest international multi-sport festivals.

"Clearly we would have been happier if the decision had been not to pass on the invitations," Johnson said. "Rugby, of course, is not a Commonwealth Games sport but that doesn't mean the Games as such would be free from ripples or outside events. We have to expect this."

Johnson added however: "We don't think that the action taken by Scotland is something which will cause a major upset to the Games."

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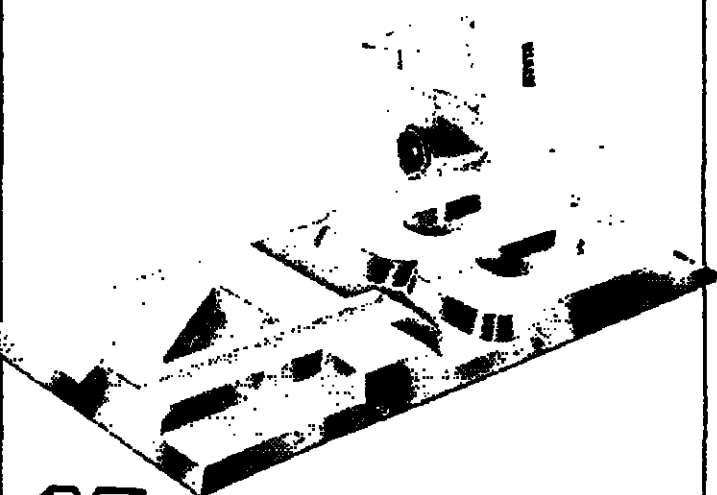
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Calgary win

CALGARY, Alberta, May 3. (AP): Even the participants had trouble distinguishing how much of the result should be credited to the Calgary Flames' greatness and how much should be blamed on the Chicago Blackhawks' lackluster effort. "I don't think the intensity was there," Blackhawks coach Mike Keenan said after Calgary opened the NHL's Campbell Conference finals with a 3-0 victory last night.

Pugh triumphs

BEIJING, May 3. (AP): Australia's Julie Pugh broke a Chinese lock on gold medals at a Shanghai Swim Meet by winning the women's 200-metre freestyle. China's official news agency said today.

Coach fired

INGLEWOOD, California, May 3. (AP): Robbie Florek, who guided the Los Angeles Kings to their third-best regular-season record ever this season, was fired yesterday after nearly two years as coach of the NHL team.

IOC chief

BARCELONA, Spain, May 3. (AP): International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch took a brief stroll yesterday outside the clinic where he was being treated for a colon ulcer and said he would be released within a day.

Basketball star

SYDNEY, Australia, May 3. (AP): Kareem Abdul Jabbar will lead a team of American basketball stars on a tour of Australia and Asia in July, promoters Advantage International said yesterday.

Cycle race

GANDIA, Spain, May 3. (AP): Raymond Dietzen of West Germany, riding with Spanish Teka team, won the ninth leg of the 44th Tour of Spain cycling race yesterday and Omar Hernandez of Colombia kept the yellow jersey of overall leader.

Exhausted Evert pulls out of Italian Open

MIAMI, May 3. (Reuters): Chris Evert has pulled out of next week's Italian Open tennis championships because she is exhausted, the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) announced yesterday.

"I've played six of the last eight weeks and feel physically exhausted," Evert said in a statement released by WITA.

"I find it increasingly difficult to get motivated for all my matches week in and week out when I play this much, and need

to make some adjustments in my schedule," Evert said.

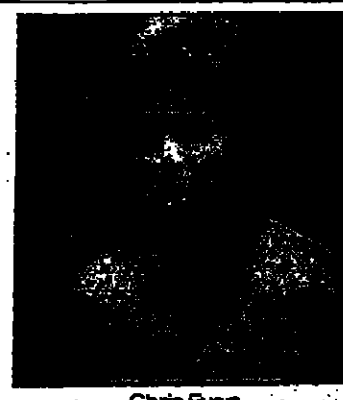
Evert, 34, has won the Italian Open five times since 1974. Last Sunday she lost to 15-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia in the final of a tournament in Houston.

Evert is the second major player to pull out of the Italian Open. Martina Navratilova has already withdrawn from the event and from the French Open to concentrate on preparing on grass for Wimbledon.

WITA spokeswoman Robin Reynolds said Evert had no plans to emulate Navratilova and focus on grass tournaments.

"Chris still plans to play in the French Open," Reynolds said. "As far as we know the Italian is the only event she's withdrawing from."

Evert added that the WITA already had met its contractual commitment to provide players for the tournament, so she did not feel pressured to compete.



Chris Evert

Jaite surprises Connors

Edberg overcomes lowly-ranked Soviet



Connors: eliminated

MUNICH, West Germany, May 3. (Reuters): American number two seed Jimmy Connors crashed out of the \$205,000 Munich men's tennis tournament yesterday, swept aside in his opening match by Argentine clay-court specialist Martin Jaite.

Jaite, 25, ranked 66th in the world, took just 88 minutes to dispose of the 36-year-old American in a easy 6-4 6-1 second-round victory.

The defeat was a blow to Connors' hopes of match practice on clay courts ahead of the French

Open at the end of the month. He also lost his opening match in the Monte Carlo Open last week.

But Connors, who has played very little tennis on the slower surface in the past two years, was not depressed by the defeat.

Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg also found his first outing on clay this year tough and needed two hours to beat lowly-ranked Soviet Andrei Vysand in his second-round match.

The 23-year-old Swede dropped the second set and at one point in third looked in danger of

losing the match during a 6-3 3-6 7-5 victory over Vysand, ranked 92nd in the world.

Vysand, 23, could have caused an upset if he had converted two break points in the final set to take a 5-4 lead and his form prompted praise from the world number four. "That was a very tough match. Vysand was surprisingly strong," Edberg said.

The Swede meets West Germany's Davis Cup player Carl-Uwe Steeb in the third round. Steeb beat compatriot Tore Meinecke 6-3 6-2 yesterday.

Tennis event hit by rain

NEW YORK, May 3. (Reuters): The tennis courts at Forest Hills appeared better suited for a 100-metre backstroke than a backhand groundstroke yesterday, forcing cancellation of the second-day programme at the \$602,500 Tournament of Champions.

Twelve first-round and two second-round singles matches were postponed after tournament officials decided that heavy overnight and early morning rains had rendered the green clay courts unplayable.

Fifth-seed Yannick Noah of France will get another day to rest his ailing achilles tendon. He was to have played a second-round match last night against Peru's Jaime Yzaga.

Stack leaves Karolyi

HOUSTON, May 3. (UPI): Olympic gymnast Chelle Stack has become the second athlete this year to leave the gym of Romanian-born Bela Karolyi, saying she needs more individual attention.

Stack, 15, who was the youngest Olympian to compete in the Seoul Games last year, will join the Delaware Valley Gymnastics Group in Philadelphia and former Soviet national coach Leo Belder. Belder previously coached Stack when she was 8 years old.

"I really needed a change and, with the competitions coming nearer, I need more time to learn new stuff," she said. "Without the new skills, you won't get anywhere."

Brandy Johnson, also a member of the 1988 US Olympic team, left Karolyi's programme earlier this year to return to coach Kevin Brown in Florida.

Karolyi, who also coached 1988 Olympic medallist Phoebe Mills and previous Olympians Mary Lou Retton and Julianne McNamara, said yesterday he was not surprised by Stack's decision.

"(Stack's) attitude wasn't the most positive lately," he said. "I personally suggested to her to make up her mind. We had a little talk this afternoon with Chelle and her mom."

Graf moves into third round

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 3. (Reuters): West German world number one Steffi Graf moved into the third round of the \$200,000 Hamburg women's tennis tournament yesterday without hitting a ball.

The number one seed's opponent, compatriot Sabine Hack, pulled out of a second-round match at the last minute with stomach pains.

Second seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia was being pushed into a third set by Brazilian Andrea Vieira before bad light stopped play. Sukova lost the first set 7-5 before battling back to take the second 6-1.

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